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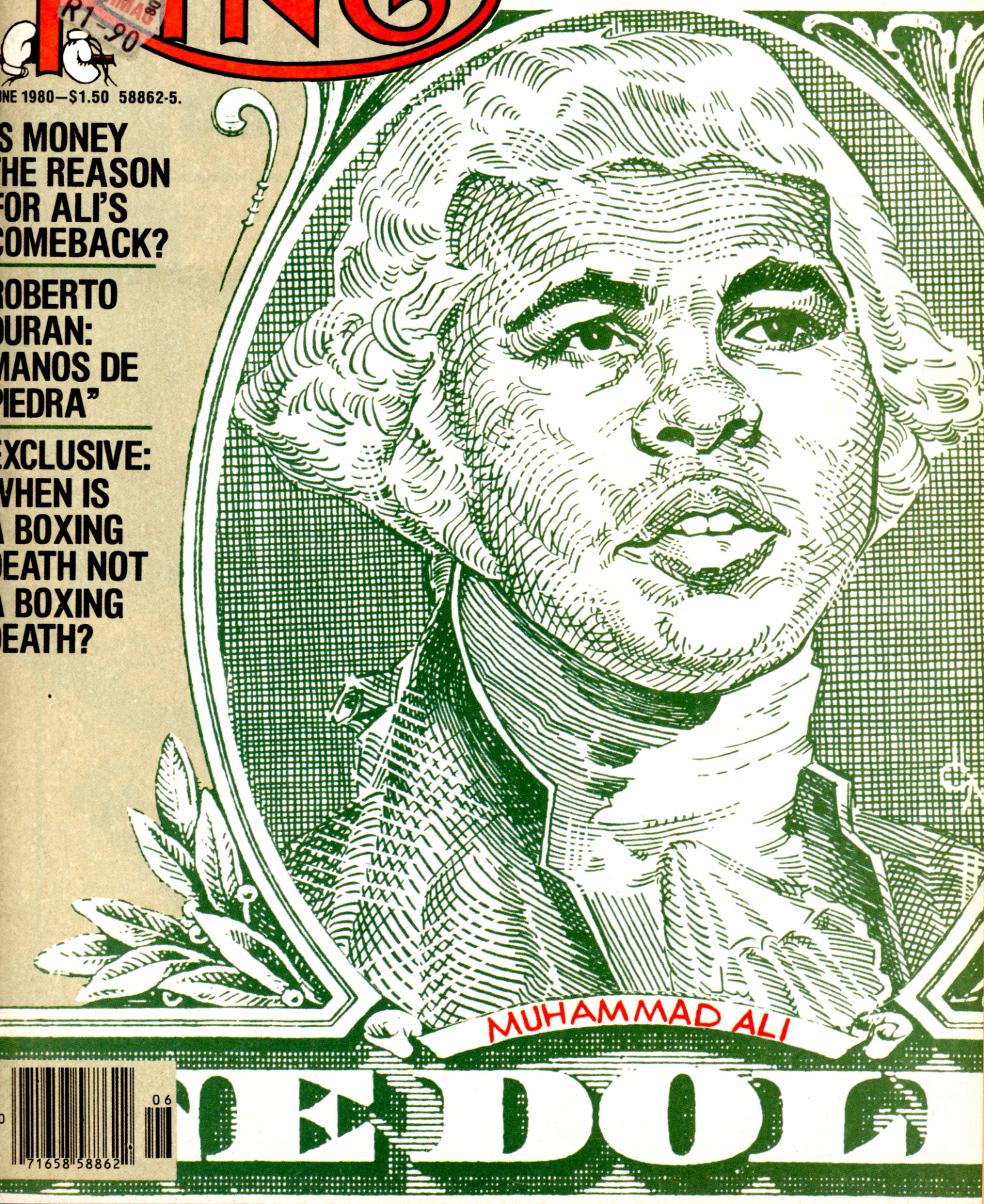
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# RINGSIDE

NEWSPAPERMEN TRADE STORIES MUCH like kids trade baseball cards. Some are more tellable — and "travelable" — than others. One of the legendary stories they tell is about the southern newspaper which printed a story about a general in the Second World War whom they meant to call "battle-scarred" and, instead, labeled, in 24-point type, "battle-scared." When a retraction was demanded the paper reprinted the story, this time substituting the words "bottle-scarred" for "battle-scared." The general gave up.

What brings this to mind is the recent letter this office received from WBC president Jose Sulaiman (Chagnon) protesting a recent squib which ran in *Ring's* Round One.

The Round One item, which ran in the March issue, was headlined "What Price a Write-Up?", and went as follows: "One of the so-called 'services' of the WBC is its monthly newsletter, featuring its ratings, recent pronounciamentos and bios on rated fighters considered worthy of profiling. Recently a manager of one of Britain's top-rated fighters got the following letter from the WBC: 'Your fighter will be featured in an upcoming issue. We're sure you'd like to help us with our printing costs by contributing something towards them . . .' The amount? $1200. For that amount the fighter could probably have his profile chisled into Mt Rushmore."

Later that same month, March, *Ring* heard from columnist Ben Greene, who, not incidentally, compiled the list of those considered worthy of ranking in the so-called Cruiserweight Division by the WBC. His "urgent" message was that Jose Sulaiman was going "to sue *Ring*" over the item. He was told that he should convey to Sr. Sulaiman our apology if we were wrong and that, at the very least, he should address our copy editor, E. J. Gary, with a letter explaining his position, which we would run, as a matter of fairness.

Even before the letter arrived, Mr. Greene's column, "On the Fistic Scene," carried this blurb: "WBC prez Jose Sulaiman may commence a court action against *Ring* Magazine because of a demeaning item penned by columnist (of sorts) ms. Liz Gary."

Then, finally, the last week of March we received a letter dated March 10th from Jose Sulaiman, which we reprint in its entirety:

*Dear Mr. Sugar;*

*I was shocked and surprised to read in the Ring Magazine of March, a comment about the WBC requiring $1,200 dollars for publishing expenses to a manager of an English rated fighter.*

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*For the above reasons, plus my satisfaction in your friendship, I can not understand how an article so much away from the truth, in defamation of honor of the WBC could ever be published in your magazine.*

*There has not been born yet he who can buy me or the WBC, and we invite you to prove us otherwise.*

*Being this matter of lawsuit in court, but being myself an enemy of those approaches for the damage they do to boxing, I will only limit myself this time to express to you my extreme disillusion, frustration and depression, and I wonder how can such a prestigious publication can rely their articles on facts given by liers(sic) and how can someone so easily defamate an organization that is doing nothing but trying very hard to bring everybody into friendship, to accomplish many things for the benefit of the boxers and to fight for their integrity and justice.*

*Yours sincerely with admiration,*

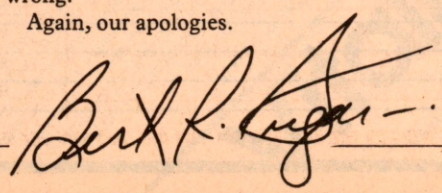
*Jose Sulaiman Chagnon President*

Sr. Sulaiman, we humbly beg your forgiveness. We were wrong! No manager was ever approached for $1200 to defray the costs of printing his fighter's bio.

Again, we're sorry.

Your demand for a retraction, like the "battle-scared" general, can only prompt us to say that inasmuch as several people have seen your deftly-worded letter to the manager asking not for $1200 to defray the "printing cost" of one,but, instead, *$1200* to defray the printing costs of *two* fighters' bios, we were wrong!

Again, our apologies.

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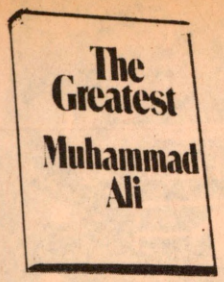


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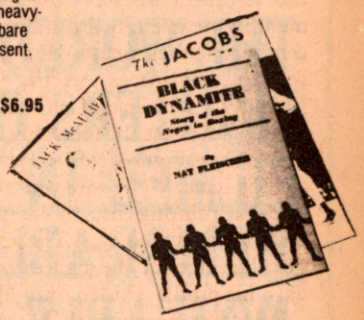


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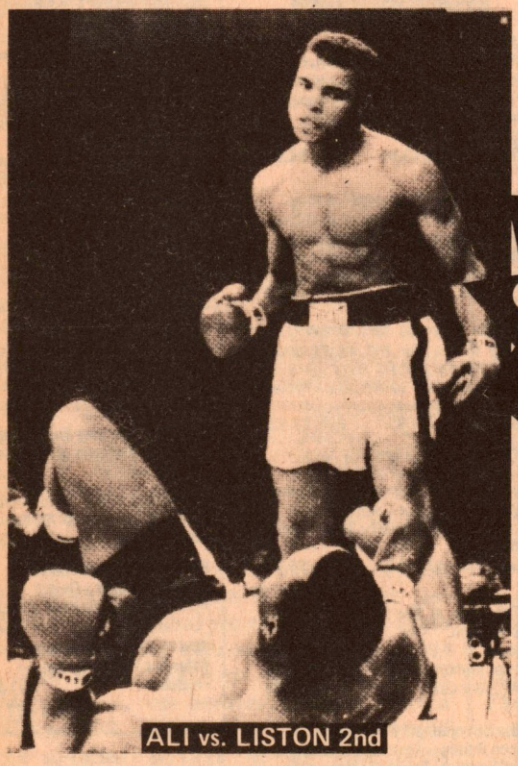


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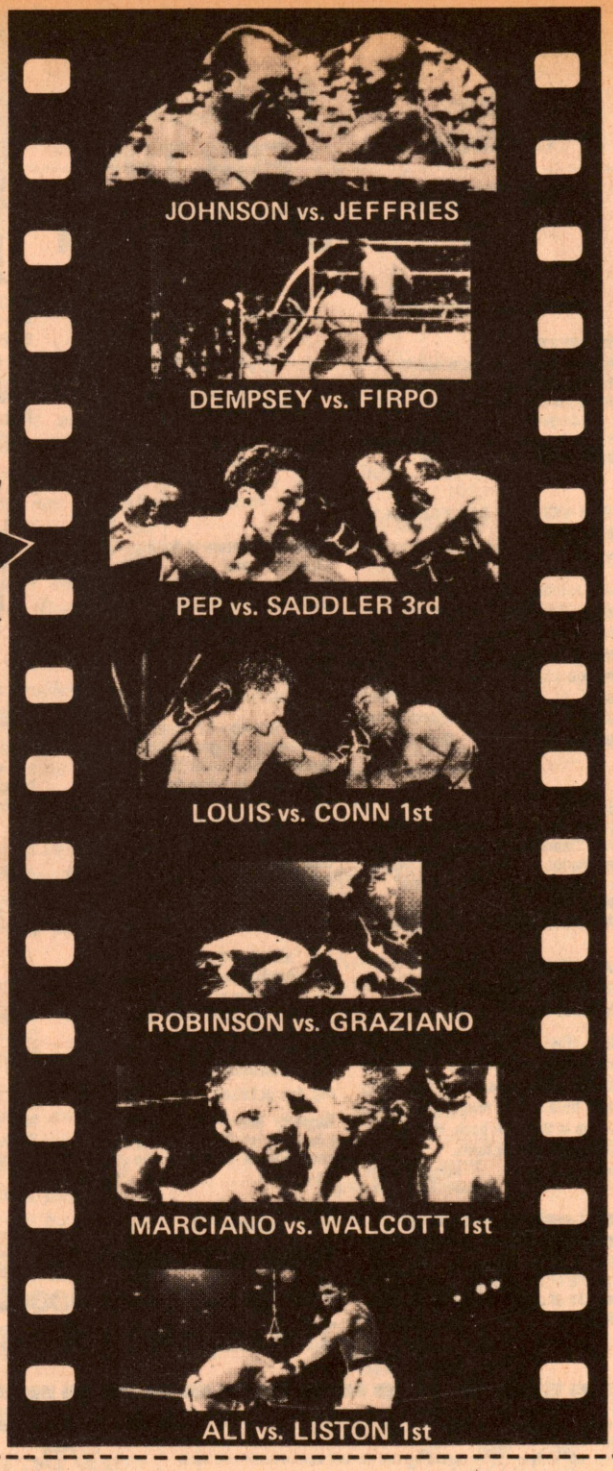


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And with the recall, the company also issued a three-step, fool-proof method for identifying the defective swivel:

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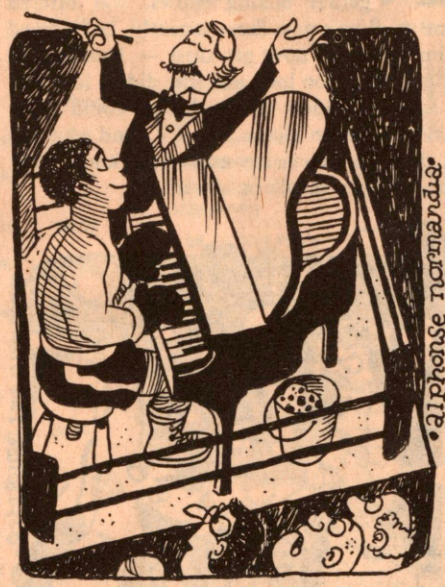
3. If you are still uncertain about your swivel, call the company's toll free number for help: 800-223-0100.

But only the swivel — and the swivel alone — should be returned. Everlast will not accept any packages bigger than a bread box — or a punching bag!

## A LEFT AND A RIGHT TO THE CLICHE

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF COMmon cliches used by announcers, writers and fans to describe both fights and fighters. Many of these have been used so frequently over the years that one cringes upon hearing them repeated again and again. For example, how many times have you heard about a fighter's "lightning reflexes," his "murderous left hook," or his "glass jaw"? And how many times have you listened as a "real game fighter" made "short work of" or "put his title on the line" during an "action-packed" "crowd pleaser"?

But during the recent Leon Spinks-Eddie "Animal" Lopez bout in Las Vegas, CBS consultant Gil Clancy introduced a new expression. While commenting on the fight, Clancy described Lopez as having "a heart like a washtub." Now that's certainly *not* a cliche!




## PLAY IT AGAIN, SAAD

WBC LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMpion Matthew Saad Muhammad has been busy lately, successfully defending his title against Britain's John Conteh on March 29 in Atlantic City. But the champ has not been so busy that he has not had the time — and money — to take in a bit of culture. He recently purchased a Louis XV Steinway piano for "just" $22,995.

Muhammad was aided in his selection of the medium grand piano by Francisco Aybar, a concert pianist from the Dominican Republic. Said Aybar, who met Matthew through a friend, "I showed him a chord in B major and he picked it up easily. I think he can learn to play and I would like to give him some lessons. I'm sure when he's not in training he can find an hour a day to practice." Aybar added, "He has large hands, which is a help."

Dick Gigax, a Steinway official, made the following comparison between boxers and pianists: "Both have strong hands, both have rhythm and both have to spend long hours practicing."

And Matthew is not the only champ sitting in the upright. Sugar Ray Leonard also takes time out from the ring to tickle the ivories now and then.

## ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS, WE PRINT

LAST MARCH JUNIOR WELTERweight Larry Stanton was arrested after robbing a bank in Long Island. But when the New York *Post* ran the front page headlines BANK TELLER NABS BOXER, STANTON TACKLED IN L.I. HEIST, the photo that accompanied the story was *not* Stanton. Instead, junior lightweight Walter Seeley was pictured in his fighting stance, to be taken by all who did not know him — or Stanton — as the bank robber. Seeley, a southpaw from Long Island, was cleared of the crime by a retraction in the next day's *Post,* and Stanton — who is not even a southpaw — was given full credit for the job.

## BASILIO LOSES A CLOSE DECISION

FORMER WELTERWEIGHT AND MIDdleweight champion Carmen Basilio recently tossed his gloves into the political ring to run for mayor of Chittenango, New York. Basilio has made his home in the Oneida County Village of 3500 for the past 26 years.

But Basilio's outside-the-ring bid wasn't quite as successful as those he once had inside the ring, as he lost a close decision, 599 to 533 votes.

## THE SUN NEVER SETS ON A BRITISH EX-CHAMPION

BRITISH COUNTRYMAN JOHN CONteh "celebrated" his recent loss to WBC light heavyweight champion Matthew Saad Muhammad with a wild evening following the Saturday afternoon bout in Atlantic City March 29. Accompanied by his wife, Veronica, and his British entourage,

Conteh, attended Frank Sinatra's dinner show, and proceeded to drown his sorrows — and strengthen his voice. He apparently "began to get loud," and friends took him back to his sixth floor suite at Atlantic City's Resorts International Hotel.

But the celebration had only begun. Conteh was next seen in the wee hours of the morning romping down the corridors "naked," according to the hotel maids; or "in bikini briefs," according to other witnesses.

### *FLOAT LIKE A BUTTERFLY, SIGN LIKE A CHAMP*

THE OFFICES OF *RING* OFTEN RECEIVE letters addressed to champions and ex-champions with the request that we forward these letters on to the admired boxers. One such letter that recently arrived with such a request was a bit out of the ordinary.

Constable John Powers, a professional butterfly collector, had an unusual autograph request. He wanted Muhammad Ali to write his universal saying, "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee," followed by his signature, on his personal stationary. Powers then wanted to use the letter in an exhibit featuring the butterflies of Kentucky, one of the exhibits in his collection of "FLYING JEWELS" which is presently touring Ontario.

Is Powers trying to put Ali's wings behind glass before he ever gets another chance to "float?"

### *PUTTING HIS BEST FOOT FORWARD*

IS IT POSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE WITH an artificial foot to become a boxer? The answer to that question is an emphatic yes! Vincent "Choo Choo" Bell is living — and punching — proof.

Bell, an 18-year-old amateur from Orlando, Florida, was born with a defective left foot which had to be amputated just above the ankle. Since the age of four, Bell has had an artificial foot and has always engaged in almost every form of athletics. Before turning to boxing a little over two years ago, he was a wrestler and also played baseball for four years in a boys league.

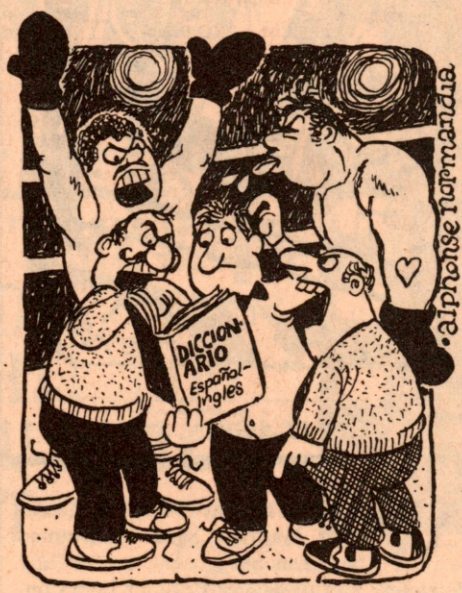
Says Bell, when asked if his handicap is a hinderance: "Nah, it don't bother me none. Except for a balance problem every once in a while, it's no sweat to get into the ring and throw punches."

The 5-foot-8, 124-pound lightweight has compiled a 25-5 record as an amateur and hopes to turn pro some day. "I've learned something in every fight and love to box. It's really a case of survival," Bell explains. "I know how to handle myself in the ring and ain't afraid of anybody. Someday I'd like to become as famous as Ali or Sugar Ray. They're idols of mine, but I'm my own main man."

"Choo Choo" Bell is his own No. 1 idol who obviously doesn't have feet of clay.

### *A FIGHTER . . . IN ANY OTHER TRUNKS*

NOW WE'VE HEARD EVERYTHING! Home Box Office, trying to put together boxing shows, was offered one of *Ring's* new faces recently, but turned him down — now get this! — because his trunks were too long and "he didn't look like a fighter." Guess Archie Moore could never have fought on Home Box TV. And who was it that said television executives know what the hell they're talking about?




### *SOUND BARRIER*

A FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND THE instructions of the referee brought the first bout of a recent Golden Gloves card in Parkchester, New York, to a premature standstill. But, after the fight was resumed, both fighters had no trouble expressing themselves.

It seems that Golden Glovers Daniel Vasquez and Martin Aguilar were going at it, tooth-and-glove, until the third round when Vasquez began to bang away at Aguilar.

Referee Randy Sandy then tolled an eight-count, but Aguilar threw up his hands, expressing his opinion that the count was unnecessary. When Sandy — in the time-honored tradition of amateur boxing — asked for Aguilar to put his hands up to show he was ready to continue, the fighter did not respond. So Sandy called off the fight.

Aguilar and his cornermen began to protest vehemently in Spainish. When it was disclosed that Aguilar didn't understand English, the fight was resumed, Vasquez winning the bout by points.

### *WHO SAYS MANAGERS DON'T HAVE GLASS JAWS TOO?*

JOE (PETE) SAUNDERS, ONCE THE trainer of Sugar Ray Leonard when Leonard was just starting out in the amateurs and now reduced to the ignominous role of camp follower and "hanger on," apparently took his frustrations out on the chin of Angelo Dundee after the Leonard-Dave (Boy) Green fight.

From what fragmentary eye-witness reports can be pieced together, it seems that Dundee had just turned from giving *Ring* editor Herb Goldman his comment on the impending Leonard-Duran fight and was about to lead Leonard back to the press area for the post-fight press conference when he came upon Saunders. Dundee, in the vanguard of Leonard's entourage, asked Saunders to "move" out of the way when Saunders — who, ironically, had driven Leonard to the Capitol Center for the fight — turned into Dundee with one explosive right, knocking Dundee to the floor.

Dundee, who, according to Leonard, "beat the count," came out of it with a slight concussion — as well as a slight injury to his pride. After all, Leonard added, "He always told me to slip punches and then come right back with one of your own"; this time the teacher didn't practice what he preached.

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# ROUND ONE

stayed as part of the event, prompting one sportswriter, Kenny Smith of the New York *Mirror,* to comment, "Why do they play the National Anthem before every event? Macy's doesn't play it when they open up for business every day, do they?"

Soon the one National Anthem became two, when the two fighters in the main event came from two different countries. And, if there were two, someone reasoned, why not three?

Three indeed? Yes, that's how many were played before the recent Matthew Saad Muhammad-John Conteh fight in Atlantic City: the Star-Spangled Banner for Saad Muhammad, God Save the Queen for Conteh and the mariachi-sounding National Anthem of Mexico.

Who was that played for? Nobody seemed to know, not the promoters, the publicity men, the producer of the show for ABC — who didn't air it, anyway — and certainly not the audience.

One thought was that it was for the Mexican referee. Still another, and the most prevalent, thought was that it was for the WBC president, Jose Sulaiman, in attendance and booed lustily when introduced.

As one wag in the press section said, "Why didn't they play the Philippine National Anthem, too? There was a Filipino water boy in one of the corners."

Hopefully, the trend will stop before they start playing everybody's song. Or, maybe, they should just play Sulaiman's. After all, wasn't that what they were really paying allegiance to?

## *THE HAND THAT FEEDS THEM DEPT.*

TWO GUESSES WHO PAYS THOSE judges "working" fight cards in the State of New York. If you said the State of New York, you're wrong; the judges are paid by the promoters. And, even more surprisingly, paid according to the size of the gate, including TV rights.

That's right, the impartial judges officiating at fights in New York are paid by the promoters after the fight card — sometimes by check, but just as many times in cash.

And, whereas the officials receive anywhere from the minimal $25 stipulated by the New York State law upwards to $500 for a heavyweight championship, most such payments fall into the $65-$85 per night bracket. But one redeeming feature of being paid by the promoter and according to the gate; those two judges assigned to the Madison Square Garden wrestling bouts get $250 for their (non-) efforts, because of the overflow crowd the

grunt-and-groaners draw.

Why not have the promoters pay the moneys directly into the State Athletic Commission and then have them disperse the checks to the officials so that any possible taint of being paid directly by the promoters — especially in cash — is removed? Or would such a practice create work — and honor — among men who are supposed to be working to keep boxing above board?

## *BARTENDER'S TRIVIA CORNER*

WHAT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION had a brother who won 20 games in one season in the Major Leagues? (Answer in next month's Round One)

Last month's trivia question: Name the last heavyweight championship bout scheduled for *less* than 15 rounds?

Answer: The Joe Louis-Jack Roper bout which was scheduled for 10 rounds. The bout took place on April 17, 1939 at Wrigley Field in Los Angeles.

## *DOWN FOR THE COUNT*

WALLY THOM, 53, IN LIVERPOOL, England. A former British Empire and European welterweight boxing champion, Thom also refereed several world title fights.

EMILE (SPIDER) PLADNER, 73, IN Auch, France. Pladner was a French boxer who held the world flyweight title for seven weeks in 1929 and whose career came to an abrupt end in 1935 when he became blind because of a retina problem.

## *PUNCHLINES*

REG GUTTERIDGE ON BRITAIN'S attendance at the Olympics: "We Brits are going . . . the Games would not be the same without our gracious losers."

Barney Nagler on the recently scheduled Gerry Cooney black-tie boxing affair to have been held at the New York Hilton's Grand Ballroom — which did not take place — "The spare ribs will be tougher than Cooney's opponent."

Angelo Dundee on the British judge at the Alan Minter — Vito Antuofermo bout: "I don't think we'll see him again soon. He can't act good enough. He even embarrassed the British."

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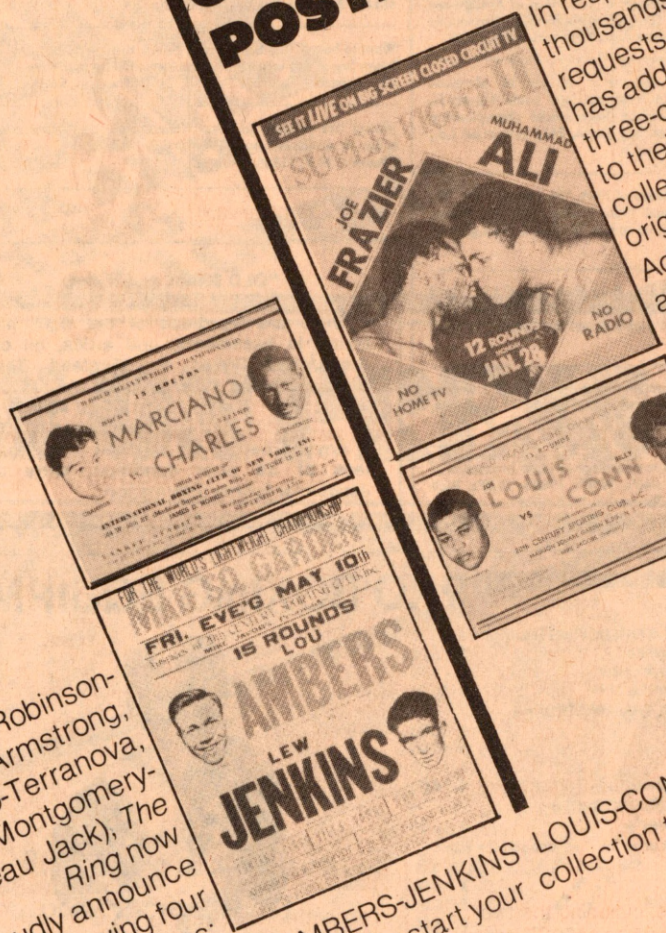


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### *ALI, COME BACK!*

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY OPINION on Ali's comeback. I, as would many others I'm sure, would like to see The Greatest back in action. He would give Larry Holmes and John Tate the competition needed in the heavyweight division. Mike Weaver proved to be a good fighter in his title bout with Holmes, but unfortunately he cannot fight for the heavyweight crown every time he fights. So it looks like Ali has a clear path to both titles. But he should have only one fear. And that would be Ken Norton or Joe Frazier coming out of retirement too.

*WAYNE LOWERY, HOUSTON, TEXAS*

I FOUND IT SHOCKING THAT THE WBA does not consider Ali a legitimate contender, but does Leon Spinks. The top eight contenders in the WBA ratings are prime bouncer candidates, not boxers.

If Ali does come back, I think he will beat Tate. But I hope the ring is going to be reinforced, as this is going to be a super-heavy fight, with Ali weighing 246 pounds and Tate 240!

*UNSIGNED*

### *ALI-VOUS-EN!*

ALI SHOULD NOT MAKE THE mistake of returning to the ring. He would have a hard time with slow, crude Scott LeDoux and only decision him. And he would certainly lose to John Tate or Larry Holmes. Tate is too big and too young for Ali, and if he did fight LeDoux, no one would want to see him fight again. If he insists upon fighting to make a quick bundle, his best bet is Holmes. At 30, Larry Holmes would still beat Ali, but at least would not hurt him permanently!

*STEVE THOMAS, CHICAGO, ILL.*

### *KEEPING THE "BIBLE" PURE*

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR APRIL, 1980 editorial: I agree with you totally. Professional boxing does not deserve to be presented in a magazine which offers for sale movies of women fighting topless or gun and knife ads, etc. That kind of stuff is for *other* magazines.

Clearly you have recognized this and have taken action. Further, you recognize that *The Ring* is not just a magazine about boxing — it is "The Bible of Boxing."

*J.C. HILLMAN, PONTIAC, ILL.*

### *JUDGMENT SUSTAINED*

I HOPE NO ONE SUGGESTS THAT VITO Antuofermo was robbed of victory in his middleweight title defense against Alan Minter last March. Minter clearly beat him, as did Hagler a few months earlier. Minter easily won at least eight rounds, with Antuofermo winning no more than five, two rounds even. Minter was obviously the boxer, scoring often and relentlessly with his superb jabbing.

*JOHN D. AJALA, ATLANTA, GA.*

### *ALL THE KING'S MEN*

DON KING HAS NO RIGHT TO CALL himself a boxing promoter. With the matches — or should I say "non-matches" — King books, I don't see how any fight fan could fork over cash to witness one of his shows.

One of King's recent offerings to the television viewing public proves this: King's own undefeated WBC heavyweight champion Larry Holmes against a proven loser, Lorenzo Zanon. It's surprising that a boxer of Zanon's calibre could even get to be European champ. Zanon's winning of that title can be attributed to the ineptness of the man he took it from — none other than Alfredo Evangelista, another Holmes acquaintance on a Don King televised card. In the semi-main event, classy junior featherweight champ Wilfredo Gomez used oft-beaten Ruben Valdes for a punching bag until they stopped it in the corner. Why did these outrageous mismatches even take place? Even ABC's ostentatious Howard Cosell was forced to remark, "Surely they can come up with better matches than this."

*JOSEPH T. PANTALEO, ROCHESTER, N.Y.*

### *"MADE FOR TV" SPECIALS DON'T RATE*

IN MY OPINION, NETWORK-OWNED Howard Davis, along with Sugar Ray Leonard, are the two most overrated fighters in the world today. Davis' win over Vilomar Fernandez was one of the worst robberies in the history of pro boxing, perpetrated — no doubt — by biased judges and an obviously prejudiced referee. That decision was even worse, but not much, than the one he had handed to him over Goins who knocked Davis down twice and had him running so fast he was stumbling over his own feet. As for Leonard, I have only one question — when is he ever going to fight a banger? That's the true test of any fighter and Sugar Ray has yet to pass it.

*JIM OGRIN, PAINESVILLE, OHIO*

### *IN DEFENSE OF DON VITO*

I WISH TO EXPRESS MY ANGER, DISbelief, and even disgust at the decision — *and* with Referee Carlos Padilla's performance — in the Minter-Antuofermo middleweight title match. As far as the British judge is concerned, it's too ridiculous to deserve further comment.

When Vito fought Hagler, he was the underdog. All kinds of in-fighting and clinching were permitted because everyone expected Hagler to annihilate Vito. Such tactics were considered part of boxing, and were both expected and welcomed.

However, such was not the case with Minter, for referre Padilla nipped all in-fighting and clinching in the bud. In fact, Mr. Padilla even anticipated such tactics and stopped Vito before he began. If Vito is not permitted to fight his way, then anyone will be able to beat him. That is the only reason Minter lasted — and won!

*DONALD W. HYLAND, N.Y.C.*

THE DECISION FAVORING ALAN MINter over Vito Antuofermo was nothing short of disgraceful. These officials should not be allowed to judge such an important fight ever again.

While Minter, unquestionably, was the more stylish boxer, he was forced time and again to fight Vito's fight, suffered the only knockdown of the fight — and of his career — and was repeatedly forced back by the champion's superior strength. Minter was given a Christmas present in March!

*R.C. GIBSON, SCRANTON, PA.*

### *WHEN IN DOUBT, THE RECORD BOOK WINS OUT*

YOUR 1979 *RING RECORD BOOK* states that in 1913 Jack Johnson and Battling Jim Johnson were the first of their race (Negro) to fight for the World's Heavyweight Championship. In your March issue there is a picture of Joe Louis when he halted John Henry Lewis in one round on Jan. 25, 1939 to retain his World Heavyweight Championship, marking the first time two black men had ever fought for the heavyweight championship. I lost a friendly bet because of these two versions. Which is correct?

*EUSEBIO PIZARRO, N.Y., N.Y.*

*Editor's Note: We were caught with our facts down.* The Ring Record Book *is correct and not the caption line in the March issue — the first heavyweight championship bout between two blacks occurred 67 years ago with Jack Johnson retaining his crown via a 10-round draw with Jim Johnson in Paris. Sorry for the "mux-ip."*


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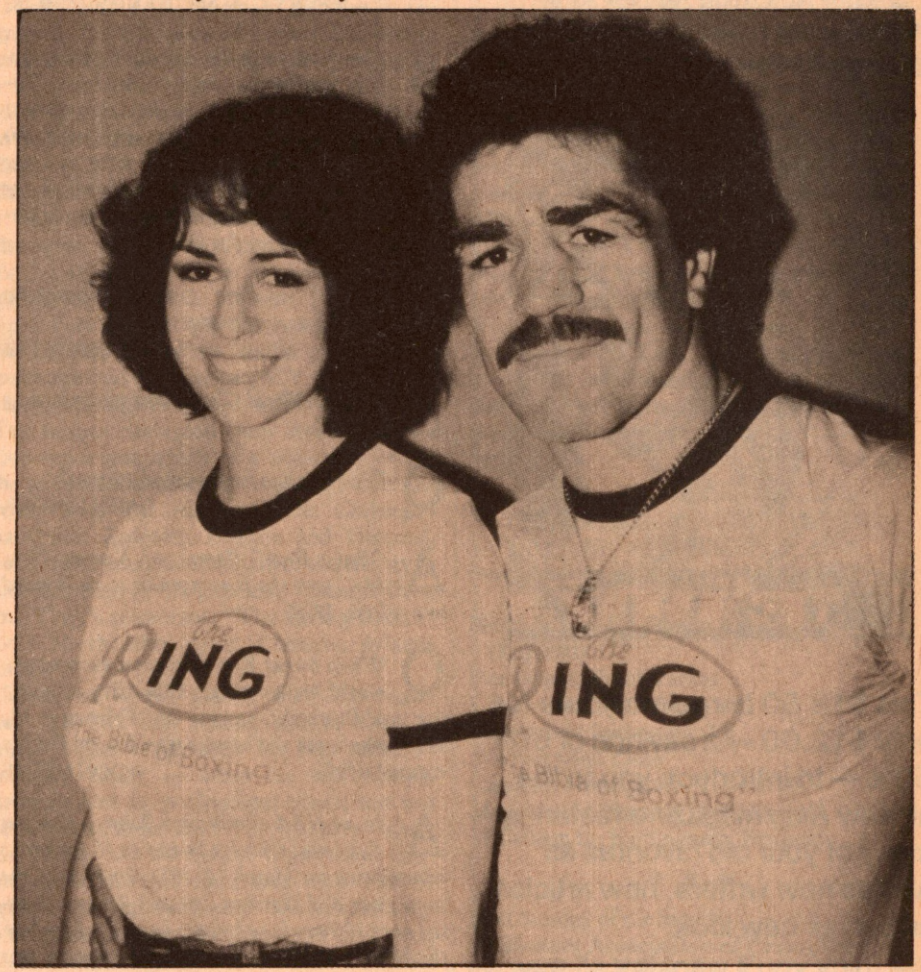


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**Q** Rocky Marciano was defeated as an amateur at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Can you give me the name of the boxer who beat him and the circumstances?
—HENRY G. MANCHENHEIMER JR.

**A** *Marciano entered in the AAU championship tournament held in Portland, Oregon in 1946 where he won his first two contests by knockouts. However, he dislocated his knuckle in his second fight and went into the third fight — the finals — in less than fighting shape where he was defeated on points by the veteran Boston amateur, Joe DeAngelis.*

**Q** Does The Ring give championship belts to every champion?
—HARRY LIBOWITZ

**A** *Only to World Champions recognized by* The Ring.

**Q** Who was the first woman referee?
—ANN LINDER

**A** *"Baby Bear" James, of Kansas City, Mo., was the first woman to be licensed as a referee, 1978.*

**Q** When Sugar Ray Robinson vacated the world welterweight title after winning the middleweight crown on February 14, 1951, who were the boxers who fought for his vacated title? —DON HEIMS

**A** *In an NBA elimination Johnny Bratton decisioned Charley Fusari in 15 rounds to win the title on March 14, 1951. In May of the same year Kid Gavilan defeated Johnny Bratton over 15 rounds to become recognized by both the NBA and New York, but this decision was not universally accepted. Gavilan then gained international recognition by defeating Billy Graham. On October 20, 1954, Johnny Saxton won a controversial 15-round decision over Kid Gavilan to gain universal title recognition.*

**Q** Who were the European champions after England's Henry Cooper relinquished his crown? —MARILYN J. MARTIN

**A** *After Cooper the EBU champions have been: Jose Urtain, Spain, Joe Bugner, England, Alfredo Evangelista, Spain, and Lorenzo Zenon, Italy. Zenon was stripped of his heavyweight title by the EBU when he fought Larry Holmes for the WBC title instead of defending his EBU crown.*

**Q** How can I become a fight manager and get a fighter to manage?
—CORY GILLIS SCANO

**A** *Make sure you have a good quantity of money and visit the gyms in your area. You will have no trouble finding fighters to put on your payroll.*

**Q** With Muhammad Ali making a comeback the question has come up as to what was his lightest weight in a title fight. I say it was 210 pounds for his fight with Floyd Patterson. Right or wrong?
—LT. RALPH SANDERS

**A** *Wrong. On May 21, 1966, he weighed in at 201½ pounds in his six round knockout over Henry Cooper in London. Ali's lightest weight was 186 pounds, in his first professional bout, October 29, 1960, with Tunney Hunsaker. He won a six round decision.*

**Q** In the six fights Sugar Ray Robinson had with Jake LaMotta did Robinson ever have LaMotta on the canvas?
—MARIO LE TOUR

**A** *Robinson never decked Jake in any of their fights. The first time LaMotta was dropped was in 1952, in his fight with Danny Nardico.*

**Q** Thomas Redshaw, born in Poplar, England, March 8, 1876, became the lightweight champion of England. He was an undertaker in London during the dreaded small pox epidemic and left England for Canada in 1902. What info as a fighter have you on him? —MRS. MELVIN OLSON

**A** *Nothing. Can anyone out there help?*

**Q** Please give me the particulars surrounding the death of the heavyweight contender Zora Folley? —BRETT McHENRY

**A** *Folley died in 1972 as the result of a playful scuffle at a Tucson, Arizona motel swimming pool. In attempting to throw a fully clothed friend into the pool Zora, age 41, slipped, striking his noggin on the side of the pool, ending his life.*

**Q** What has happened to the South African, Kallie Knoetze? We haven't read much in recent weeks.
—HAROLD SANDOVAR

**A** *You haven't heard much because Knoetze announced his retirement after being belted out in one round by fellow countryman Jimmy Abbott.*

# VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

By HARRY WARREN

THE CAULIFLOWER ALLEY CLUB IS NOW located at "The Old Spaghetti Factory," 5939 West Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, California 90028. Everett L. Sanders, former 4-time chairman of the California State Athletic Commission, is now chairman of the Cauliflower Alley Club, which incorporates the Hollywood Appreciation Society and the International Shrine and Hall of Fame. The Archivist-Executive Secretary is Braven Dyer Jr. The selection committee is certainly an imposing group of national boxing writers. . .

*Box On*, the official journal of the London Ex-Boxers Association is now available through Gilbert Allnutt, 25 Melrose Avenue, Norbury, London, SW 16, England . . . The official bulletin of the Sussex Ex-Boxers Association, published and edited by former British heavyweight Ernie Woodman, is titled *Ringside*, and is available from Ernie by writing to 11 Wilbury Rd., Hove, Sussex, England. . .

Ray M. Todd, former great gladiator, is now serving as a Commissioner with the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission. Todd recently underwent an operation at the Mercy Hospital and I'm happy to report is now on the mend . . . George A. Martin is the strength behind the activities of IVBA Ring 7 of Boston. Former boxing people in the area who wish to join the ring may contact him at: 1307 Randolph Ave., Milton, Mass. 02186.

Petey Sarron, former world lightweight champion, now living in Florida, asked if this column could locate the whereabouts of "The Sunday Express Golden Belt," which Petey was awarded when he fought and won against Freddie Miller in London, England. The belt was designed by British leading jeweler Ike Schwartz. Later Henry Armstrong, the triple world champion, won the belt from Sarron. Now Petey would like to get a photograph of the belt. Can any reader help?

Georgie Pace, former bantamweight champion of the world, is a patient at the Veteran Hospital, First Avenue and East 24th Street, New York City . . . Barbara Buttrick, former women's world bantamweight champion, is now a licensed boxing manager in Miami Beach, Florida. She may be the only women fighter with voting privileges in the VBA, recently being inducted into Ring 31 of Miami Beach. Barbara was unique as a boxer in that she traveled throughout Europe, the U.S. and Canada over a 15-year span, fighting in fair grounds and taking on all comers. She was also quite scientific and exceptionally strong for a woman. This blue-eyed blonde with her svelt figure was quite a knockout in addition to being a knockout artist! Her contact address is P.O. Box 370764, Buena Vista Station, Miami Beach, Fla. 33137 . . .

Tony DeMarco became world welterweight champion on April 1, 1955, when he knocked out Johnny Saxton in the 14th round of a bout which took place in Boston. That was an April Fool's Day Tony will never forget! He lost the title to Carmen Basilio on June 10 of that same year in Syracuse, N.Y. Tony had 71 bouts, winning 33 by kayo and losing only 12. The former champion owns and operates a club-restaurant which is a popular spot for the showbiz and sporting fraternity. Over the years Tony has supported the Children's Asthmatic Research Insitute and Hospital, donating thousands of dollars to the charity in remembrance of his late son, Vincent. Drop into Tony's restaurant, "The Living Room," 4929 North 40th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85018. . .

Everyone knows George Raft the movie star. But how may remember him when he was a fighter? He used his real name — Brownie Ranft — when he was boxing. Brownie had 17 professional bouts, but was never really more than a preliminary fighter and most of his bouts were only four-rounders. His last fight was with Frankie Jerome . . . Jimmy "Duke" McKenna, longtime historian for VBA Ring 38 of Dover, New Hampshire, has informed this column that a new veteran boxers group has been formed and will be known as the "Pied Piper's Club." Has Dover, N.H. room for two VBA groups? Maybe so. Keep us informed!

Zovec Barajas, a classy welter back in the early 1970's, now drives a cab in Mexico City . . . Al Romano, former welterweight, is a policeman in his hometown of North Adams, Massachussets . . . Bobby Dykes, welterweight contender during the reign of Kid Gavilan, is now owner of The Grove Club and The Saga in South Miami, Florida. . .

Chester Rico, former lightweight contender from the Bronx, is now living at 2700 Yardley Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102. Chester is with the security division of the Tropicana Hotel and is involved in the ex-boxer activities as a member of VBA Ring 711. Former featherweight and lightweight out of Hell's Kitchen in New York, Joe Curtis, is the president. He is often seen on television as the third man in the ring, holding a referee license with the Nevada Commission. Contact Ring 711 through Chester Rico. . .

Billy Soose defeated Ken Overlin for the world middleweight title in 1941. He later relinquished the title to campaign as a light heavyweight. After losing to Jimmy Bivins in January, 1942, in Cleveland, Ohio, he retired. Billy boasts wins over Babe Risko, Paul Pirrone, Ken Overlin, Tony Zale, Tami Mauriello and Ernie Vigh. Hungarian-American, he was raised in Darnell, Pennsylvania. Now a prosperous businessman, Billy operates out of the Lake Wallerpaupack resort area in his home state. Billy owns the resort and the former champion stages boxing shows there and his amateur talent shows are quite popular. . .

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# IS IT MOOLAH THAT TAKES MUHAMMAD BACK UP THE MOUNTAIN?

BY BARNEY NAGLER

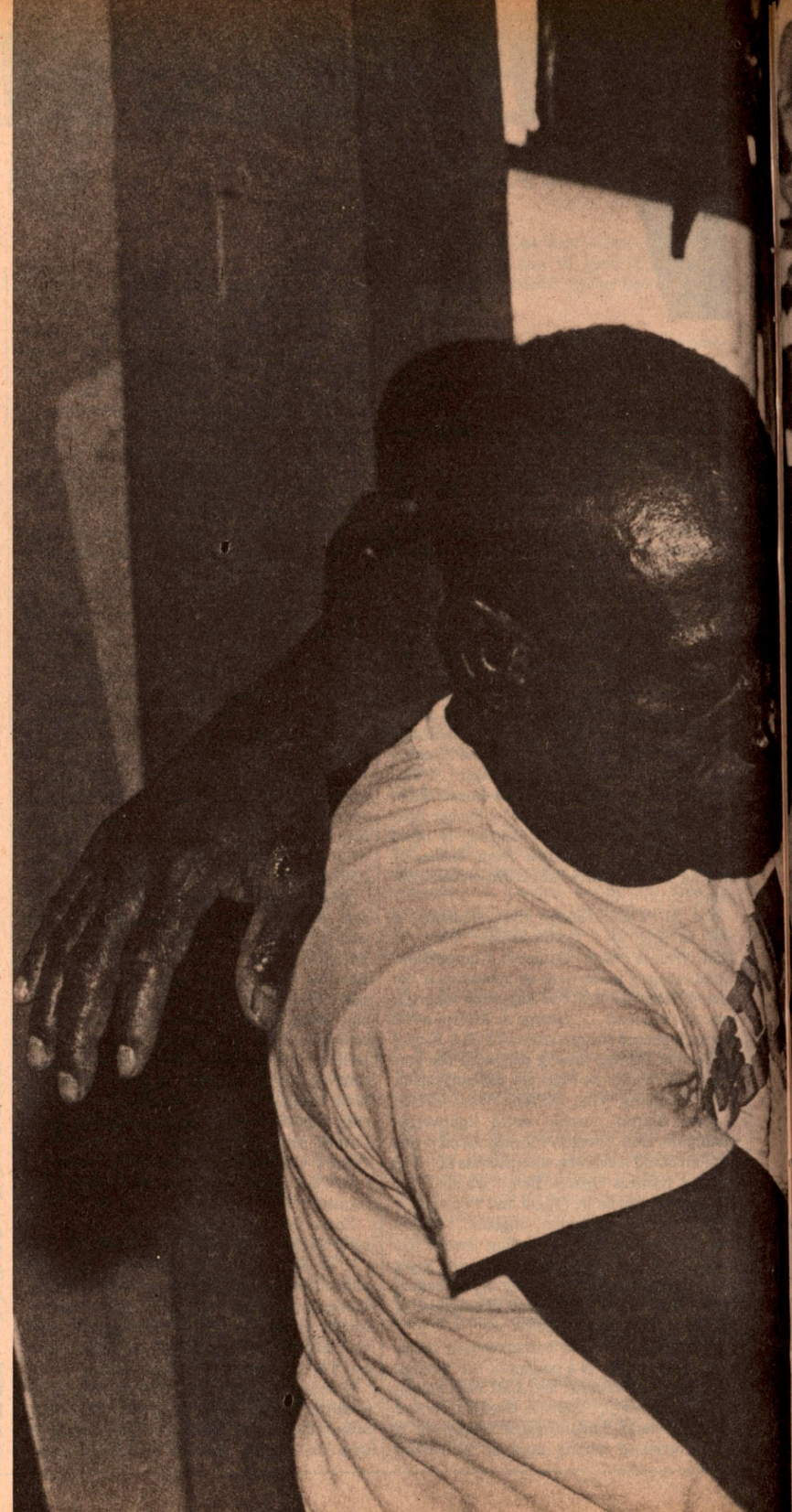
It may pain Muhammad Ali to hear this, but it is an opinion held in this corner that he is *not* "The Greatest" heavyweight that ever lived. Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Joe Louis and Rocky Marciano would have licked him, and Joe Frazier, Ken Norton and Leon Spinks — Spinks? — did. He got more money than the others and the literary set has written at great length of his "luminosity." What that is taken to mean is that he is transparent. Anybody with one good eye and a sense of proportion can see through his light.

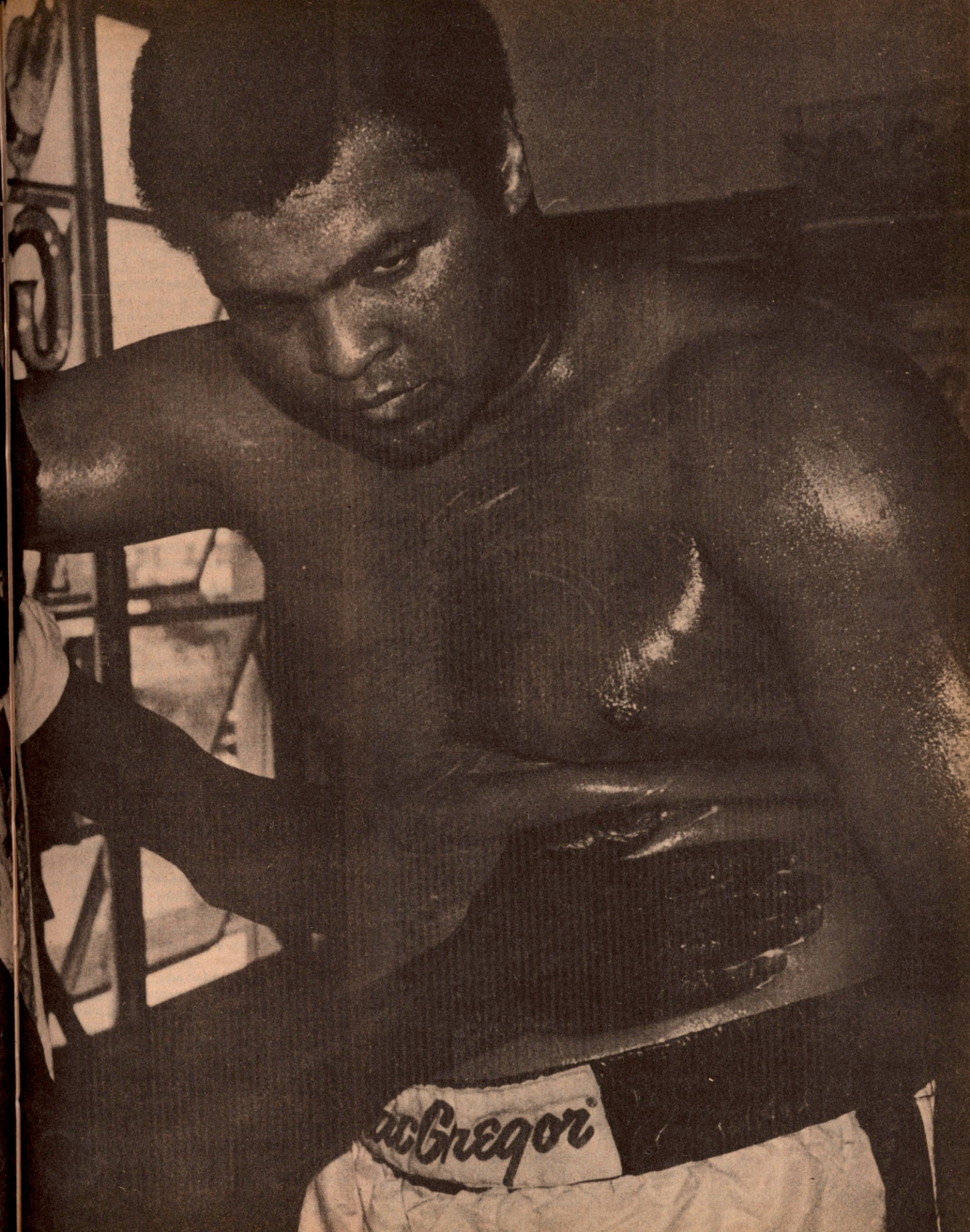
The day after he just managed to keep the world championship by beating Earnie Shavers to the wire by a bloody nose in Madison Square Garden, he said, "I got two sore hands, a sore left knee that I'm going to get X-rayed. I'm living by the skin of my teeth. I realize it, I'm not what I used to be."

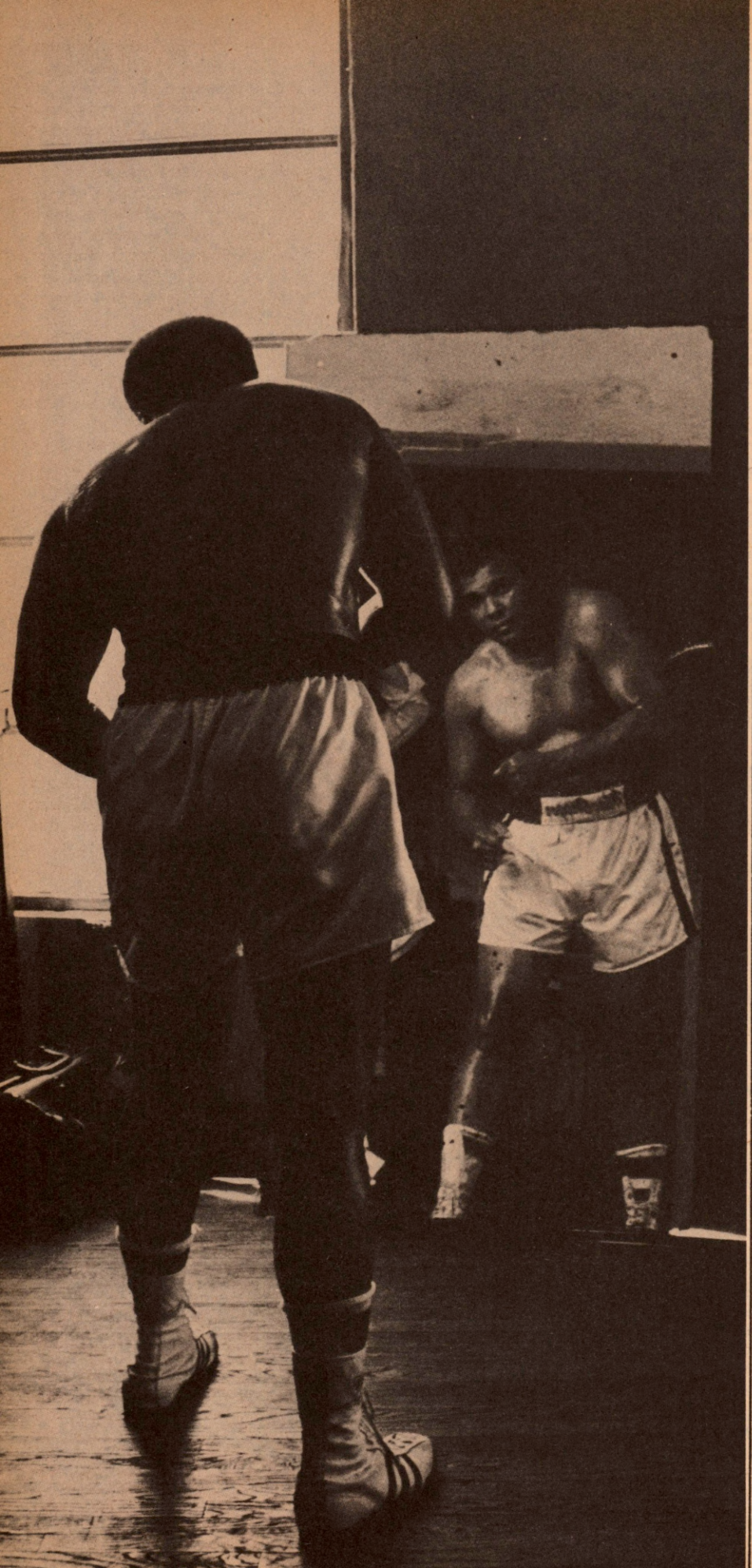
Now, almost three years later, now that he is in the 39th year of his life and long bereft of his considerable skills, he is saying he is going to win the title for an unprecedented fourth time by beating up on Mike Weaver, or Larry Holmes if — and when — they meet.

On the surface there does not seem to be a connection between the two paragraphs immediately above. However, there is a link, and it is Ali's dramatic spark, which enables him to extract ore the same way "wrasslers" do. Consider Ali's method: Opponents and the rigors of age oppress him mercilessly and then, in a climactic comeback, he throws off both burdens.

For twenty years, with unprecedented obstinacy, he has been dinning into the public







head that when he turned his back on boxing the game would decline. Yet each time he walked away from the sport it managed to survive. Even to prosper. He came back each time to mine for more ore because he, not boxing, needed to fight to survive.

Now he is back on his hill at Deer Lake, Pa., rehearsing for still another performance, and all the co-actors have gathered in an evocative affirmation of the idea that the show must go on. The parasites he has pitied and protected throughout his career find great comfort in his returning.

Time has not staled his graces nor his gestures, for he remains an actor not merely in the ring but in his soul as well. Thus, it is very difficult to determine where the acting ends and boxing begins.

The line of demarcation has never been clear. What a performance he gave in Miami Beach in 1964, at the weigh-in for his first fight with Sonny Liston, feigning an onslaught of mental imbalance with such fidelity that Jimmy Cannon rushed to his typewriter to notify his paper that the bout was off — "Ali's gone crazy!"

As it turned out, Liston was so taken with Ali's performance, he surrendered the title while sitting on his stool, bemused. That night Cassius Marcellius Clay became Muhammad Ali and all the world became his stage. He was endowed naturally with an ability to strut and posture, an even his self-praise drew cheers and screams from his idolators.

People who have been catching his act for two decades have never been able to sort out the pieces. Though they sat with him and talked with him, and wrote down for posterity the pearls which fell from his lips, he surprised them frequently, as he did in Houston the day before his fight with Ernie Terrell in the Astrodome.

That was when the historians were drawn to a mosque to hear the world heavyweight champion preach a sermon. Never before had a boxing champion wound up his training in a pulpit.

"I don't like boxing," Ali said. "Men are not supposed to fight each other. In England I could smell the blood when Henry Cooper's cut opened. It made me sick. I don't want to be in this thing too long. I want to do other things."

Yet he proved a blend of acid and honey. It became possible to perceive a streak of cruelty in Ali. He could have stopped a half-blinded Terrell, but chose instead to make him stand and take a beating. On another night, in Las Vegas, he could have eased the misery of a crippled Floyd Patterson simply by unleashing a knockout punch. Instead, he elected to inflict a full measure of punishment to prove a point he alone could define.

Writers who took the time to comprehend the social pressures that created Muhammad Ali and caused him to disagree with the mili-

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tary draft and our ignoble adventure in Vietnam found in his treatment of Terrell and Patterson the basis for contempt.

The many faces of Ali go back to the theater. How is one to know when he is on or off? Remembered is the time he went up to Albany with a skein of authors to testify before a New York State legislative committee intent on determining whether boxing should be outlawed in the Empire State.

At the time Ali — he was then still Cassius Marcellus Clay — was using doggerel to name the round in which he would knock out an opponent. One of the legislators framed a question indicating his belief that there was a thief in the woodpile.

Ali looked him straight in the eye and said, "It takes one to know one."

Laughter was widespread in the hearing room, and if one listened closely he could hear the air rushing out of the deflated legislator's chest. Ali's gentle chiding carried the day.

Often peevish, Ali could be truly gentle. The other day a man who has been following Ali since the beginning in Louisville was speaking with a fellow who had lately had occasion to meet Ali in Los Angeles.

"What's he like these days?"

"Well, he's not the same guy. He's fat and his words are thick, and you have to listen pretty close to get what he's saying every now and then."

"Yes, but what's he doing?"

"Doing tricks. Magic. Like when he first came around, remember how he used to entertain the kids with simple tricks. He's back doing the same thing."

Again, memory dredged up the trip to Albany for the legislative hearing. Returning from Albany on the train, Ali encountered a group of youngsters who, upon recognizing the fighter, huddled around him to get autographs. He pulled out of his coat pocket several simplistic gadgets and demonstrated his skill at trickery.

Nothing has changed in this regard. Up at Deer Lake, Ali is still entertaining kids with magic. He has earned perhaps $30,000,000 in purses since the beginning and has held the heavyweight championship three times, but he remains a man-child in all things — except his physical condition.

Twenty months have passed since he regained the WBA title from Spinks. When he announced his retirement soon thereafter, it was assumed that this going away would stick. But when John Tate won the WBA championship which Ali had relinquished, Ali could not resist the temptation of a comeback.

Then Tate was flattened by Weaver, and Ali, who has always been his own stage manager, quickly reset the scene. "Weaver the Beaver," he cried, and he scurried up Sculp Hill in the dark of a recent night and set about the task of divesting his midriff of middle-age bulge.

Flattery and the rewards of his profession have lured him back. He says he is not broke, but in his case "broke" is a relative term. He really never fancied money. What he had he spent or gave away freely, perhaps the last morsel; to his family, to countless parasites he pitied and protected, to charity. None of his beneficiaries found pleasure in his numerous retirements. But now that he is back, they are cheered.

So the old order gathers once again on the hill above Deer Lake, in the retreat for which he paid $400,000 and used infrequently, whenever there was a need to train for a fight. Bundini Brown is there and so is Howard Bingham, the house photographer, and Lana Shabazz, the cook, and Jimmy Ellis, himself a former WBA champion and now an assistant trainer. So is Abdul Rahaman, the Captain Sam of Ali's security force.

The years have altered Ali's countenance. The differences are in themselves slight, but together rather shocking. Tentative wattles are discernible. A moustache decorates his upper lip — to cover the vestiges of a cut received while sparring in the Fifth Street Gym in Miami Beach in March. There is a thickness of flesh over the eyes.

When he goes into the sparring ring to work with quite ordinary hired hands he does not reassure his faction, who point out hastily that he has never been a brilliant boxer in mimic warfare. Yet apprehension fills the gymnasium, and with the apprehension comes frightened realization that an old man is trying a young man's game. The wheezing, Man, is something awful.

About this people who were once Ali's allies wonder. Ferdie Pachecho, who was his physician and worked in his corner in many fights, has forebodings of disaster. Three years ago, after Ali just managed to stand off Shavers, Dr. Pachecho turned his back on his friend, because he *was* a friend.

Teddy Brenner was the matchmaker in Madison Square Garden when Ali turned professional. Long the fighter's friend, he has become increasingly apprehensive about Ali's welfare. The day after Ali's fight with Shavers, Brenner stood up at a press conference in the Garden and urged Ali to retire. The advice went unheeded. When, finally, if impermanently, it was accepted, Brenner said, "Best thing that could of happened."

Now Brenner once again is urging Ali not to fight. Recently, he talked with the plural former champion and suggested that the last punch an old fighter takes frequently is the most dangerous of all, often the most damaging.

One does not mention blood in the house of an executioner or talk of disaster to a 38-year-old man about to resume a career in the ring after 18 months of easy living. Nor is the unlovely word "punch-drunk" ever uttered. And yet, if one who has been around for years glances over his shoulder, he can envision a long line of doddering men who waked into the ring once too often and came away from their game mostly impaired and frequently impoverished.

Everyone sees a comeback differently. Ali thinks of it as a supreme triumph of the psyche over the somatic system, an act of a bold and gifted man. That is as good a way as another, if one is foolhardy to try it. But how much nicer it would be if Muhammad Ali were to realize — before it is too late — that it is later than he thinks.

He forgets his fatigue when big numbers are spoken and dollar signs dance before his eyes. And he believes in his heart that he is as good as he ever was and that he can beat Weaver and Larry Holmes.

Holmes once was an employee in Ali's camp, working as a sparring partner. In the latter days of his employment, Holmes refrained from attacking the boss purposefully. "I couldn't hit the old man," he remembers. Now he believes his former employer is in jeopardy. "Man don't have no pride left, I guess," Holmes says. "If he has it, why don't he go home and just live a good life with his wife and kids?"

Long ago, Heywood Broun, in a commentary on Tom Gibbons before Gibbons fought Dempsey in 1923 in Shelby, Mont., said: "Pretty much all the jobs of grown-ups seem curious to children, and yet it must be unusually strange to have a fighter for a father. We picture the inevitable morning when they are told, 'Don't make any noise when you play around the house this morning. Your father was knocked out last night and he doesn't feel very well.' "

When that morning comes for Ali, he will know, at last, that it is all over. But for the moment he is talking the way a politician does when he is in a losing fight. Always be dynamic, especially if you don't plan to do much, goes an old political maxim. That is called dynamism. In line with this, a politician must always strive to give the impression that he is determined to save the country from disaster.

In Ali's case read "boxing" for "country." He is straining to give the impression that he is returning to action to save the game; that people like Weaver and Holmes are impostors in purple robes and that it is his holy purpose to expose them.

The former champion is interested, of course, in scooping up money in large portions. If he is not, many of his faction will be glad to take his earnings off his hands, even if he alone has to take the punches to get it.

It seems silly — even tardy — to say it, but Muhammad Ali is a sucker, both for himself and his camp followers. And the poor old man does not even know this. ■

**TANK McNAMARA**

**By JEFF MILLAR AND BILL HINDS**

# ALI IS BACK, BIGGER (AND BETTER?) THAN EVER

SATIRE HAS BEEN AROUND AS LONG AS THE PRINTED WORD. And longer. Ever since the prophet Elijah taunted the prophets of Baal from high atop Mount Carmel, scathing satire has been employed to ridicule persons or the things they do.

Down through the ages literary compositions written by some of the literary giants have gotten in on the act, with everyone from Aristophanes, Johathan Swift, Rabelais, Moliere, Voltaire, George Bernard Shaw, Mark Twain, James Thurber, Finley Peter Dunne, Kafka and hundreds of other workers in wrought irony using their biting wit to unclothe the most pompous and ponderous of their society's charlatans.

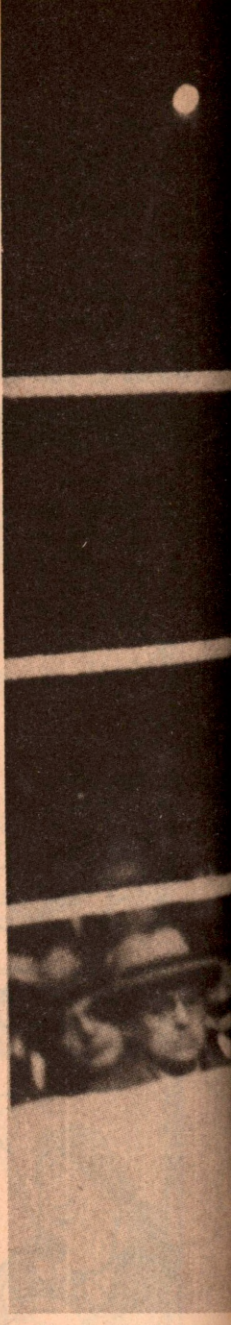
The Twentieth Century saw even more satire than before, if

that were possible. And it was not long before sports was to find its way into the mainstream of satire — and into the comic strips. Sports has always been a prime target for the satirists: Ring Lardner satirized the plight of a rookie ballplayer in his story *Alibi Ike;* James Thurber and Elliott Nugent's *Male Animal* ridiculed the college football player on Broadway; and Danny Kaye lampooned boxing in the movie *The Kid From Brooklyn.* From there it was only a hop, skip and an end-around to Gary Trudeau's Doonesbury with a thinly-disguised version of Yale football hero Brian Dowling appearing as "B.D." and the stage was set for an entire comic strip based on the follies and foibles of sports entitled *Tank McNamara.*

The strip takes its name from an ex-jock turned sports announcer who deals in spoonerisms, where words like "sports news" trippingly come out "norts spews". Created by the two fertile minds of Jeff Millar — who writes the strip — and Bill Hinds — who draws it — Tank is now seen by millions daily.

But it's not just ex-jocks in broadcast booths that Millar and Hinds burlesque. Their targets have also included the Ladies Golf Tour, the Little League, football referees and the fan, himself, who will root for anything that moves and has a number on it. Recently they have zeroed in on another rich vein, Muhammad Ali, and have consented to have their barbs and barbeques on boxing's "Big" man. B.R.SUGAR

# THE BOXING HALL OF FAME ELECTS JOE FRAZIER



# JACK SHARKEY

# AND TEX RICKARD

THREE NEW MEMBERS WERE elected to The Ring Magazine Boxing Hall of Fame, bringing the total of those honored to 149.

The Hall of Fame is composed of three divisions: The Pioneers, elected by the Board of Directors; The Old-timers, made up of fighters active thirty-five or more years ago, elected by a special board of twenty experts; and The Moderns section of The Hall, who are elected by a world-wide panel of newspapermen, radio and television sportscasters and other experts connected with boxing. To gain entrance into The Moderns section of The Hall, a fighter must have been active within the last thirty-five years and be retired from boxing for two or more years. A fighter elected in this category must have received 75% or more of the total votes cast.

The Board of Directors elected one new member to The Pioneer section of The Hall of Fame. The electee is the fourth member to be so elected who was not a fighter. Nat Fleischer was the first, the year 1975. In 1977, Dan Daniel, a journalist, made the grade, and Sam Taub, a sportscaster and newspaperman, was inducted in 1978. Tex Rickard, famous promoter, joins the listing in 1979.

The cane swinging, straw-hatted Rickard, forever knocking

ashes off his ever-present cigar and always dressed in fine clothes, was something of an enigma to those who knew him. He once said: "I am a lonely man." But to the outside world he was the counterpart to the present era of another phenomena, Muhammad Ali. Both men could be labeled as boxing's best salesmen.

When Tex died in Miami on January 6, 1929, at the age of 58, he had drunk deep of the cup of life and tasted more of variety than could be said of most mortals.

George L. Rickard—known to the world as Tex—was called "Dink" by intimates, a name he had given to himself as far back as 1887 when he inscribed this nickname on a rock near Archer City, Texas. He had been a cowboy and later a marshal before going to Alaska for the gold rush. A gambler, he made big money—and spent it just as fast. When he died he was buried in a bronze casket and had a gross estate of over half a million dollars. By the time the bills were paid there was hardly anything left. He wasn't an inaccurate example of the aphorism that gamblers die broke.

But it was as the man who built Madison Square Garden (often referred to as "The House That Tex Built") on Eighth Avenue between 49th and 50th Streets in New York City, and his involvement in boxing promotions for which he is lost remembered.

Every promoter in the big-time has been associated with a fighter over whom he has had some control. In Tex's case, it was Jack Dempsey who helped Rickard become what has been boxing's greatest showman. Tex staggered the boxing world's imagination when, as the promoter for the Joe Gans-Battling Nelson fight—his first promotion — he placed the entire pursue, in silver dollars, in a bank window for display.

He was the first man to promote a million dollar gate. He had five gates involving a million or better, all involving Dempsey. A few of his outstanding promotions were his Carpentier-Dempsey and two Dempsey-Tunney fights.

It was often said that Tex was a man who never grew up and there were those who resented his brash, often unreasonable ventures, but there were none who didn't respect his solidness and his raw courage.

## TEX RICKARD'S MILLION DOLLAR GATES

| DATE | BOUT | SITE | ATTENDANCE | GATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| July 2, 1921 | Dempsey-Carpentier | Boyle's 30 Acres, Jersey City, N.J. | 80,183 | $1,789,238 |
| Sept. 14, 1923 | Dempsey-Firpo | Polo Grounds, New York City, N.Y. | 82,000 | 1,188,603 |
| Sept. 23, 1926 | Tunney-Dempsey | Sesquicentennial Stadium, Phila. | 120,757 | 1,895,733 |
| July 21, 1927 | Dempsey-Sharkey | Yankee Stadium, Bronx, New York | 75,000 | 1,083,530 |
| Sept. 22, 1927 | Tunney-Dempsey | Soldiers' Field, Chicago, Ill. | 104,943 | 2,658,660 |

# *Hall of Fame Balloting*

(Needed to elect — 87 votes)

| | |
|---|---|
| *Joe Frazier* | 104 |
| *Jake LaMotta* | 80 |
| *Bob Montgomery* | 47 |
| *Joey Giardello* | 43 |
| *Billy Graham* | 41 |
| *Manuel Ortiz* | 39 |
| *Randy Turpin* | 36 |
| *Nino Benvenuti* | 30 |
| *Tony Galento* | 28 |
| *Harold Johnson* | 27 |
| *Joe Brown* | 25 |
| *Panama Al Brown* | 24 |
| *Tiger Jack Fox* | 22 |
| *Harry Jeffra* | 21 |
| *Ingemar Johansson* | 20 |
| *Primo Carnera* | 18 |
| *Tommy Farr* | 16 |
| *Pone Kingpetch* | 15 |
| *John Henry Lewis* | 15 |
| *Benny (Kid) Paret* | 14 |
| *Tippy Larkin* | 13 |
| *Sonny Liston* | 13 |
| *Bobo Olson* | 11 |
| *Billy Soose* | 10 |
| *Juan Zurita* | 10 |
| *Freddie Steele* | 9 |
| *Vic Toweel* | 9 |
| *Chico Vejar* | 9 |
| *Nino Valdez* | 8 |
| *Kid Tunero* | 8 |
| *Georgie Abrams* | 7 |
| *Hogan (Kid) Bassey* | 7 |
| *Melio Bettina* | 7 |
| *Charley Burley* | 6 |
| *Jimmy Carter* | 6 |
| *Red Cochrane* | 6 |
| *Chuck Davey* | 6 |
| *Terry Downes* | 6 |
| *Tami Mauriello* | 5 |
| *Freddie Mills* | 5 |
| *Yvon Durelle* | 4 |
| *Vincente Saldivar* | 4 |
| *Marty Servo* | 4 |
| *Davey Moore* | 3 |
| *Lou Salica* | 3 |
| *Petey Scalzo* | 3 |
| *Laszlo Papp* | 2 |
| *Willie Pastrano* | 2 |
| *Johnny Risko* | 2 |

Those receiving one vote (in alphabetical order):

*Kid Azteca, Steve Belloise, Rocky Castellani, Henry Cooper, Paddy DeMarco, Ralph Dupas, Abe Feldman, Del Flanagan, Glen Flanagan, Charles Humez, Tony Janiero, Eder Jofre, Peter Kane, Kenny Lane, Bert Lytell, Raul Macias, Rinty Monaghan, Carlos Monzon, Jose Napoles, Lou Nova, Ken Overlin, Bob Pastor, Jerry Quarry, Chester Rico, Eddie (Babe) Risko, Lauro Salas, Petey Sarron, Phil Terranova, Ernie Terrell, Robert Villemain, Earl Walls, Jimmy Webb, Terry Young*

The "Board of Twenty," The Old-timer's Committee of The Hall of Fame, elected one new member to the Hall. He is Jack Sharkey, known in fighting circles as "The Boston Gob."

Jack was born Joseph Paul Cukoshay in Binghamton, New York, on October 26, 1901, of Lithuanian parents. Today he spends most of his time in his little white house in Epping, New Hampshire, where he lived with his wife until she died and where they raised three children. The family has since grown to fourteen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

His jet-black hair has thinned and he has lost some of his pather-like movements, but he is still vital and he lives for his life of hunting and fishing and his relationships with his fellow townspeople who revere and love him.

He never had a good press, partially because he was something of a loner. He hasn't changed. It takes an act of God to get him out of Epping.

His love of fishing goes back to his childhood. "When I was a kid," he says, "I used to catch bass with my bare hands and then sell them to pick up a few bucks." He had become one of the top flycasters in the U.S. and is on constant call to demonstrate his skills.

Unlike many fighters, he never had street fights as a kid, and was a hard-working youngster from the day he left school in the eighth grade to help his family through a financial crisis.

His first job in a shoe factory brought him $7.00 a week, and at the age of thirteen he quit to take up a job with a pick and shovel with a construction gang on the Susquehanna River. At fifteen he attempted to join the Navy but was turned down because of his age.

He became a waterboy at John Ringling's Circus, and a coal heaver and a brakeman on the local railroad. Shortly thereafter he returned to his job at the shoe factory and then worked as a glassblower until after World War I, when he joined the U.S. Navy.

How did he get involved in boxing?

"I was forced into it while

serving on the USS Rochester. I was watching some boxing bouts when a midshipman came up to me, thrust some boxing shorts at me, and told me I was substituting in the next bout." Sharkey continued, "All I knew was that if I didn't fight, I wouldn't get my next leave, due in Oslo. I never knew what I was starting."

What he was "starting" was on his road to the heavyweight championship and the Hall of Fame. Sharkey had about thirty fights in the Navy, ending up as the champion of the Atlantic Fleet. According to him there was a pursue that went to the winner. "For a pursue you got ice cream, but most of the time your mouth was too sore to eat any. This was back in the 1922 era of the banana fleet."

After his discharge from the Navy, Cukoshay changed his name to Jack Sharkey. He says, "I took the name 'Sharkey' after Tom Sharkey, who had been a sailor like me, and the 'Jack' from Jack Dempsey, my idol. The reason I changed my name was because a promoter said he'd like to use me but to change my name. 'Nobody can pronounce Cukoshay,' he said."

As a professional, Jack had a total of fifty-five bouts of which he won 39, had three draws, lost eight decisions, one on a foul (his first fight with Max Schmeling for the vacant world heavyweight title) and was knocked out four times. He won 15 of his bouts by KO and won the world heavyweight title on June 21, 1932, when he defeated Schmeling over fifteen rounds in their second meeting.

Sharkey first came to international attention with his victory over Harry Wills whom Jack Dempsey had side-stepped for three years. The year was 1926 and Wills was already on the way down, but it was still no mean accomplishment.

The following year Jack was knocked out by Dempsey but snapped back, not losing a bout until June of 1930 when he met Schmeling in the famous "foul fight."

He went on to defeat Primo Carnera and draw with Mickey Walker to gain his second shot with Schmeling. Having won the title from Max he made the mistake of taking on Carnera again and was knocked out in the sixth round to lose his title.

He had his last fight on August 18, 1936, when he was knocked out in three by Joe Louis, thus becoming the only man to fight—and lose to—both Dempsey and Louis.

The new Hall of Famer still wears a size sixteen shirt that must be handmade to keep him from choking and he still drinks beer when he gets a headache instead of taking aspirin like most folks.

His election to the Hall of Fame should make him realize that the loner is no longer alone.

Smokin' Joe Frazier, ex-heavyweight champion of the world is the only fighter to receive the necessary 75% of the votes cast to make it into "The Moderns" section of the Hall of Fame.

Frazier is black and beautiful—and now one of boxing's immortals. At thirty-six, this primitive killer-type inside the ring and sensitive, warm human being outside, has it made. His lifestyle is posh all the way. He lives in a six-bedroom house on two acres in White Marsh, outside of Philadelphia, with Florence, his former childhood sweetheart, an assortment of dogs, four cars, a motocycle and a love for all mankind.

Born on January 12, 1944, in Beauford, S.C., the youngest of thirteen children and one of seven boys, he proved that the "American Dream" of rags to riches is still achievable. His father, Rubin, was a farmer, and their small place was some forty miles from the nearest city of any size, Savannah, Georgia.

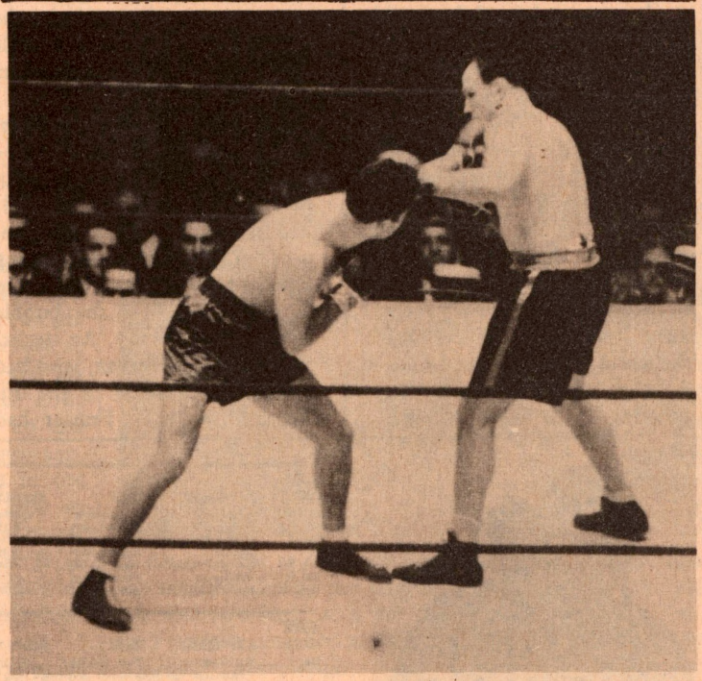
"I grew up up pretty normally and I rarely got into any fights with the local guys. Rumbles just weren't my style. I guess we were poor, but I never wanted." He recalls leaving school towards the end of high school and missing football and basketball, his two post-pubescent loves.

"I had no thought of being a fighter in those days," he recalled.

After graduation, Joe followed in the footsteps of some relatives, heeding their advice to "Come North, young man!" he did, to Philadelphia, where he got a job as a butcher in a slaughter house. He was already married and the nearest he had come to a boxing glove was in the slaughterhouse, which may have helped his footwork. As he once said: "You had better move damn fast in a slaughter house or a side of beef will flatten you".

Joe was seventeen by now and possessed of a short, under six foot frame on which were strung two short but bulging arms with two ham hock fists dangling at the ends together with a barrel chest and legs that were massive.

A problem of being unable to keep pants on his oversized legs drew him to a PAL gym in Philadelphia. In his effort to reduce his thighs and avoid continually splitting his pants he began to train. It wasn't long before Yancey (Yank) Durham — called



## JACK SHARKEY

**Born:** October 6, 1902, Binghamton, New York **Height:** 6' **Reach:** 74½" **Weight:** 196 pounds

**1924**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Billy Muldoon | Boston, Mass. | KO 1 |
| | Pat Hace | Boston, Mass. | KO 2 |
| | Dan Lucas | Boston, Mass. | KO 2 |
| Mar. 18 | Eddie Record | Boston, Mass. | L 10 |
| Apr. 25 | Eddie Record | Boston, Mass. | KO 7 |
| June 23 | Floyd Johnson | Boston, Mass. | W 10 |
| | Al Roberts | Boston, Mass. | W10 |
| July 15 | Homer Smith | Boston, Mass. | W 12 |
| Aug. 20 | Young Jack Johnson | Bangor, Maine | KO 6 |
| Aug. 29 | Quinton Romero Rojas | Boston, Mass. | KO by 9 |
| Nov. 5 | Jimmy Maloney | Boston, Mass. | L 10 |
| Dec. 15 | Charley Weinert | Newark, N.J. | ND 12 |

**1925**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 8 | Jack DeMave | New York City | W 10 |
| Jan. 20 | Sully Montgomery | Boston, Mass. | W 10 |
| Feb. 10 | Charley Weinert | Boston, Mass. | L 10 |
| Apr. 6 | Jack Renault | Boston, Mass. | W 10 |
| May 25 | George Cook | Boston, Mass. | W 10 |
| June 5 | Jimmy Maloney | Boston, Mass. | WF 9 |
| July 31 | King Solomon | Boston, Mass. | W 10 |
| Aug. 17 | Bud Gorman | Boston, Mass. | L 10 |
| Sept. 17 | Johnny Risko | Boston, Mass. | W 10 |
| Dec. 11 | Jimmy Maloney | Boston, Mass. | W 10 |

**1926**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 18 | Joe Lawson | Hartford, Conn. | KO 2 |
| Feb. 12 | Eddie Huffman | New York City | W 10 |
| Apr. 1 | King Solomon | Boston, Mass. | W 10 |
| Apr. 19 | Pat McCarthy | Boston, Mass. | W 10 |
| June 25 | Bud Gorman | Boston, Mass. | WF 2 |
| Sept. 13 | Orlando Riverberi | Newark, N.J. | KO 3 |
| Sept. 21 | George Godfrey | Boston, Mass. | W 10 |
| Oct. 12 | Harry Wills | Brooklyn, N.Y. | WF 13 |
| Dec. 15 | Homer Smith | Syracuse, N.Y. | KO 7 |

**1927**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mar. 3 | Mike McTigue | New York City | KO 12 |
| May 20 | Jimmy Maloney | New York City | KO 5 |
| July 21 | Jack Dempsey | New York City | KO by 7 |

**1928**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 13 | Tom Heeney | New York City | D 12 |
| Mar. 12 | Johnny Risko | New York City | L 15 |
| Apr. 30 | Jack Delaney | New York City | KO 1 |
| June 21 | Leo Gates | St. Louis, Mo. | KO 3 |
| Dec. 10 | Arthur DeKuh | Boston, Mass. | W 10 |

**1929**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 25 | Meyer (K.O.) Christner | New York City | W 10 |
| Feb. 27 | Wm. L. (Young) Stribling | Miami, Florida | W 10 |
| Sept. 26 | Tommy Loughran | New York City | KO 3 |

**1930**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 27 | Phil Scott | Miami, Florida | KO 3 |
| June 12 | Max Schmeling (For Vacant World Heavyweight Title) | New York City | LF 4 |

**1931**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| July 22 | Mickey Walker | Brooklyn, N.Y. | D 15 |
| Oct. 12 | Primo Carnera | Long Island City | W 15 |

**1932**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 21 | Max Schmeling (Won World Heavyweight Title) | Long Island City | W 15 |

**1933**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 29 | Primo Carnera (Lost World Heavyweight Title) | Long Island City | KO by 6 |
| Sept. 18 | King Levinsky | Chicago, Ill. | L 10 |
| Sept. 27 | Tommy Loughran | Philadelphia, Pa. | L 15 |

**1934**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Inactive | | |

**1935**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 22 | Edward (Unknown) Winston | Boston, Mass. | KO 2 |

**1936**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 7 | Tony Shucco | Boston, Mass. | L 10 |
| Apr. 14 | Tony Shucco | Boston, Mass. | D 10 |
| June 25 | Phil Brubaker | Boston, Mass. | W 10 |
| Aug. 18 | Joe Louis | New York City | KO by 3 |

## Summary

| BOUTS | WINS | LOSSES | DRAWS | KO'S | ND* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 38 | 13 | 3 | 15 | 1 |

* No Decision

from *The Ring Record Book*

"The Black Everett Dirksen" a manager and trainer with sang froid, noticed the potential in the clean-cut, hard working Frazier. Yank, the twenty-year veteran of boxing, went to work on Joe. The kid did road work at 4:30 A.M., picked up a meat cleaver at 6:45, and then returned to the gym at 3:30 P.M. for his workouts with Yank. Said Yank before his untimely death, "I was impressed by Frazier's strength and sheer power. But what appealed to me most was his dedication to the goal of making something of himself."

Frazier was shortly ready to take his shot at boxing. He won the Golden Gloves titles in 1962, 1963 and 1964. In 1964 he entered the Olympic trials and scored six straight knockouts before losing to Buster Mathis. However, in a tune-up with Frazier, Buster hurt his hand and Frazier, an alternate, stepped in to represent Uncle Sam. Joe did himself and the U.S. proud by bringing home a gold medal from Tokyo.

Joe won four straight in the Olympics but had broken his thumb in his last bout and upon his return to Philadelphia was operated on — which put him out of work for several months. It was eating time and so Joe went back to work in the slaughterhouse while waiting for his thumb to heal.

The time of poverty for Joe was almost over. Angels with money were in the wings. A dairy magnate, Bruce Baldwin, put together a group of men who incorporated under the name of Cloverlay for "clover" meaning "good luck" and "lay" for "overlay" which was to take the burden of finances off the shoulders of the young Frazier forever.

The stage was set. Enter Frazier, the pro, on August 16, 1965, to meet—and knock out—Woody Goss in one round. Joe did this three more times that year and seven more in 1966 before he had to win one the hard way. His opponent was the Argentine, Oscar Bonavena, and Joe had to get off the canvas twice to win a ten-round decision over Oscar. He then knocked out the man reputed to have the fastest hands in the business, Eddie Machen. The following year Joe added six more victoires to his skein.

Then it happened. The Frazier people got Buster Mathis for Frazier in a match that New York State recognized for the world heavyweight title.

Muhammad Ali was busy losing his title to Uncle Sam and Jimmy Ellis was prepping to win the World Boxing Association tournament for that organization's part-version of the world crown. Some four victories later, the holder of the New York version of the title was matched with Jimmy Ellis, the WBA standard bearer, for the undisputed crown. The date was February 16, 1970, the place was Madison Square Garden, and when it was all over, Frazier had knocked out Ellis in five rounds to become the universally recognized heavyweight champion of the world.

There were many who were pointing to Joe as an "all-time" great. He was no one-punch killer but a perpetual, steady, devastating machine who never knew how to take a backward step and always came to fight. As he himself would say before a fight, "I come out smokin'!"

Outside the ring Joe is a pussycat; a delightful man. Inside, something else again. The pussycat loves mankind; the fighter says, "I like to hit people in the ring and I like to see them go down!"

In one of boxing's greatest fights — called "The Fight"— Joe met the also-undefeated Muhammad Ali on March 8, 1971, and won a 15-round decision, dropping Ali with a devastating left hook in the last round. On January 22, 1973, the bubble broke, pugilistically. An underdog, George Foreman, who had made his pro debut on the undercard the night Frazier had kayoed Jerry Quarry in '69, belted Frazier to the canvas no less than six times in two rounds to win the world title before an unbelieving ringside crowd at Kingston, Jamaica, and millions of closed-circuit fans throughout the world.

Joe was insistent on working his way back for another crack at the title. He banged out an easy twelve-rounder over Joe Bugner, the English champion, and then took on Muhammad Ali in a second meeting in Madison Square Garden. This time Ali decisioned Frazier, short-circuiting Joe's chances of regaining his lost title.

Some nine months later in Kinshasa, Zaire, Ali took the heavyweight away from Foreman, setting up a "rubber match" between the two greats.

Manila was chosen as the locale and the fight quickly took on the title of "The Thriller in Manila." The fight lived up to expectations and gave the boxing public fourteen rounds of crowd-pleasing action. After putting Ali through the fires of hell for 13 rounds, Frazier's eye closed in the 14th round and manager Eddie Futch ended both the fight and Frazier's hope of ever again winning the world title.

As a postscript, it must be noted Frazier did have one more fight: On June 15, 1976, when he met the man who had dethroned him, George Foreman. Neither had the world title but were to battle it our for something called the U.S. heavyweight championship. And pride. Once again, Joe was stopped short of his goal. The end came in round five. And so did Joe's ring career. It was all over. After thirty-six fights, with 27 knockouts and five decisions to his credit, with four losses — two each to Ali and Foreman — Smokin' Joe was to call "quits".

His postfight activities include singing lead in a "Soul-combo" called "The Knockouts" and running a boxing gym in Philadelphia where he develops future boxing talent, including his son Marvis, still considered as a comer in heavyweight ranks.

Joe was not only a great inside the ring, as well as out, but has now been recognized by those who saw him "in action" as one of the "All-time Greats", worthy of inclusion in Boxing's Hall of Fame. ■

**JOE FRAZIER**

**Born:** January 12, 1944, Beaufort, S.C. **Height:** 5'11¼" **Reach:** 73½" **Weight:** 205 pounds

**1965**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Aug. 16 | Woody Goss | Philadelphia | KO 1 |
| Sept. 20 | Mike Bruce | Philadelphia | KO 3 |
| Sept. 28 | Ray Staples | Philadelphia | KO 2 |
| Nov. 11 | Abe Davis | Philadelphia | KO 1 |

**1966**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 17 | Mel Turnbow | Philadelphia | KO 1 |
| Mar. 4 | Dick Wipperman | New York City | KO 5 |
| Apr. 4 | Charley Polite | Philadelphia | KO 2 |
| Apr. 28 | Don Smith | Pittsburgh | KO 3 |
| May 19 | Chuck Leslie | Los Angeles | KO 3 |
| May 26 | Memphis Al Jones | Los Angeles | KO 1 |
| July 25 | Billy Daniels | Philadelphia | KO 6 |
| Sept. 21 | Oscar Bonavena | New York City | W 10 |
| Nov. 21 | Eddie Machen | Los Angeles | KO 10 |

**1967**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 21 | Doug Jones | Philadelphia | KO 6 |
| Apr. 11 | Jeff Davis | Miami Beach | KO 5 |
| May 4 | George (Scrap Iron) Johnson | Los Angeles | W 10 |
| July 19 | George Chuvalo | New York City | KO 4 |
| Oct. 17 | Tony Doyle | Philadelphia | KO 2 |
| Dec. 18 | Marion Connor | Boston, Mass. | KO 3 |

**1968**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mar. 4 | Buster Mathis (Won New York State World Heavyweight Title) | New York City | KO 11 |
| June 24 | Manuel Ramos (Retained New York State World Heavyweight Title) | New York City | KO 2 |
| Dec. 10 | Oscar Bonavena (Retained New York State World Heavyweight Title) | Philadelphia | W 15 |

**1969**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| April 22 | Dave Zyglewicz (Retained New York State World Heavyweight Title) | Houston, Texas | KO 1 |
| June 23 | Jerry Quarry (Retained New York State World Heavyweight Title) | New York City | KO 7 |

**1970**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 16 | Jimmy Ellis (Won World Heavyweight Title) | New York City | KO 5 |
| Nov. 18 | Bob Foster (Retained World Heavyweight Title) | Detroit, Mich. | KO 2 |

**1971**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mar. 8 | Muhammad Ali (Retained World Heavyweight Title) | New York City | W 15 |

**1972**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 15 | Terry Daniels (Retained World Heavyweight Title) | New Orleans, La. | KO 4 |
| May 25 | Ron Stander (Retained World Heavyweight Title) | Omaha, Nebraska | KO 5 |

**1973**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 22 | George Forman (Lost World Heavyweight Title) | Kingston, Jamaica | KO by 2 |
| July 2 | Joe Bugner | London, England | W 12 |

**1974**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 28 | Muhammad Ali (For NABF Heavyweight Title) | New York City | L 12 |
| June 17 | Jerry Quarry | New York City | KO 5 |

**1975**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mar. 1 | Jimmy Ellis | Melbourne, Aus. | KO 9 |
| Oct. 1 | Muhammad Ali (For World Heavyweight Title) | Manila, P.I. | KO by 14 |

**1976**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 15 | George Foreman | Uniondale, N.Y. | KO by 5 |

## Summary

| BOUTS | WINS | LOSSES | DRAWS | KO'S |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 32 | 4 | 0 | 27 |

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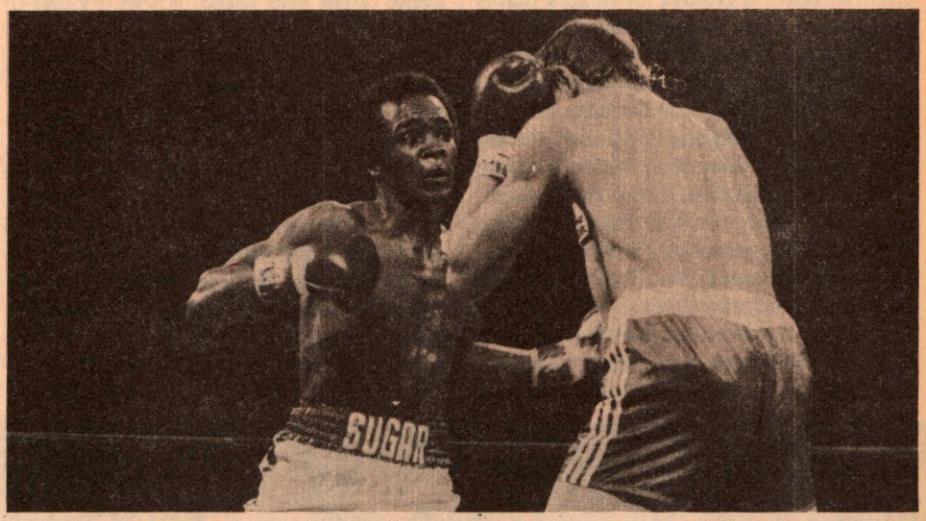
# INSIDE BOXING




IT IS ALWAYS GREAT TO KEEP IN TOUCH with the men who gave so much of themselves to the fight game in years past. Lou Brouillard, who once reigned as welterweight and middleweight champion of the world, now resides in Halifax, Mass. Lou and his bride of 50 years, Minnie, live alone now, their six children having all grown up and married. Lou and Minnie had only one son, who was not particularly interested in the fight game — he had one amateur fight in Boston and was kayoed in the very first round by Lee Williams many years ago. Lou Jr. is now in the trucking business in Marshfield, Mass. Brouillard Sr. will celebrate his 68th birthday on May 23rd.

Bob Pastor, upstate New York heavyweight contender during the Joe Louis era, is now retired and living in Saratoga Springs, New York. Bob earned the knickname "Rapid Robert" for his hit-and-run tactics against Joe Louis in their first fight on January 29, 1937, when Bob went the distance with the Brown Bomber — something few heavyweights had been able to do. Louis did not win the world title until later that year, on June 22, 1937, when he scored an eight-round kayo over the late James J. Braddock. On September 20, 1939, Louis met Pastor once again, this time in Detroit, with the title fight billed for 20 rounds. I can remember Jack Blackburn telling me "we chased that little guy in New York and didn't catch him. We want to make sure we catch up with him this time around . . ." And Louis did catch up with the "little guy." But Pastor gave a good account of himself for 11 rounds before succumbing to the Bomber's right hand.

Joey Angelo, the Providence, R.I. welterweight, mingled with all of the "iron" in his division from 1945 to 1949, including Bob Montgomery, Willie Pep, Sandy Saddler, Patsy Brandino, Humberto Zavala and many more. Joey is now the proprietor of a coffee shop in Warwick, R.I. The name of the shop? You guessed it: "Joey Angelo's Coffee Shop"!

Congratulations are in order to veteran fight manager and promoter Pinkie George, of Des Moines, Iowa, and his wife Elizabeth on their 51st wedding anniversary. You may recall that Pinkie brought Lee Savold — now deceased — and Johnny Paycheck roaring out of the midwest to fight Joe Louis and other top notchers during the late thirties. Pinkie was also associated with the ring destiny of the Flanagan gang, Del and Glen.

Former heavyweight contender Henry Clark, who was managed by Joe Herman, has applied for and was granted a promoter's license in San Francisco. Clark, after retiring from active ring warfare five years ago, went into the T-shirt business. Although he did well in the business, he apparently yearned to get back to the ring. Perhaps he should get Joe Herman to help him. After all, Joe has been a mighty good judge of fighter flesh for over 60 years.

Didyaknow that: Sugar Ray Leonard has made two million dollars in just two years of professional leather tossing? . . . And that lightweight Clint Jackson, who beat Ray as an amateur, is now turning pro and eager for another "shot" at Leonard . . . Nick Acosta, one of the very best trainers in San Juan, is currently training former WBC lightweight champ Ernesto Espana of Venezuela. Espana recently lost his title to Hilmar Kenty during an upset in Detroit.

Jewish middleweight Kenny Klingman now sports a 17-0 pro ring slate, all kayoes! Klingman is tutored by veteran Lou Gross — probably the reason Kenny possesses that potent left hook. Many old-timers say that Gross invented the left hook. Lou has worked with 17 world champions in his 50 years in boxing and he is certainly one of the top trainers.

Bob Fitzsimmons and Henry Armstrong were *not* the only two triple title holders ever. Remember Tony Canzoneri? He held the feather, lightweight and jr. welterweight crowns . . . Blackie Genaro, who once handled the managerial reins of heavyweight Earnie Shavers, is back in boxing with heavyweight Mike Koranicki. Mike recently flattened Kallie Knoetze in South Africa and is now a highly thought-of heavy.

Sorry to hear that Chicago boxing commissioner Nick Kerasiotis is suffering with a broken arm and leg, sustained in a recent auto crash. We wish Nick a speedy and complete recovery . . . Marv Jensen, who piloted Gene Fullmer and the rest of his family into ring prominence, was in Philadelphia recently with his latest protege, Javier Flores. Flores sports a 26-4-3 pro ring record to date. A bantamweight, he lost a close battle to Jeff Chandler when the fight was stopped in the 10th round on cuts. The fight was an even match until it was called.

Danny "Little Red" Lopez is talking about a comeback. Maybe it would be best for this courageous warrior to call it a day. Danny has made his money, invested it wisely and in my opinion there is no need for him to continue fighting. He was humiliated by the very ordinary Salvatore Sanchez — a 21-year-old kid who fought a perfect fight against the champ, taking his WBC featherweight crown in the bargain. Lopez took an awful lot of shots in this fight before the bout was stopped in the 13th round.

Noted author and fight scribe Don Buchan of Iowa is seeking information for a book on the late Al Palzer, the great white hope who came from Ossian, Iowa and was eventually killed by his father. During his ring career Palzer stopped Bombardier Billy Wells, beat Frank Moran and stopped Fred Fulton — all top-notchers in their hey-day. Buchan can be reached at Box 177, Marathon, Iowa 50565.

See you next month — keep punching!

**SAILOR DON SAUER**

BY MICHAEL LEAHY

# ROBERTO DURAN: "MANOS DE PIEDRA" "WARNING: KEEP OFF HIS STREET

ROBERTO DURAN, THEN THE LIGHTweight champion of the world, stood in the center of Los Angeles' Main Street Gym, a training ground for boxers that is surrounded by dilapidated boarding houses and hock shops and borders a Spanish barrio. Around him were some of the barrio's young, their faces gaunt, eyes sunk deep in sockets, kids not getting enough to eat. They were weary-looking, though not yet defeated like their elders, not yet resigned to subsisting on tortillas and sweeping somebody's stairwell and dying anonymously. You looked at them and they at you, and there was defiance in their faces, the mouths smirking, the eyes contemptuous, telling you that they were the powerful here and you the powerless; that they knew how to take care of whatever and whomever they wanted — and that you had better remember it. Some of the eyes hated. All were those of fighters.

Duran liked the kids. He was, or rather had been, one of them, not there in L.A. but in Panama City, where barrio streetlife is especially perilous. As a youngster, he shined shoes, but work was often so hard to get that he and other boys would fight each other for the rights to customers. For protection, some boys carried knives. A dead thirteen-year-old in the streets was not an uncommon sight. "It happened," says Duran. "You just tried not letting it happen to you."

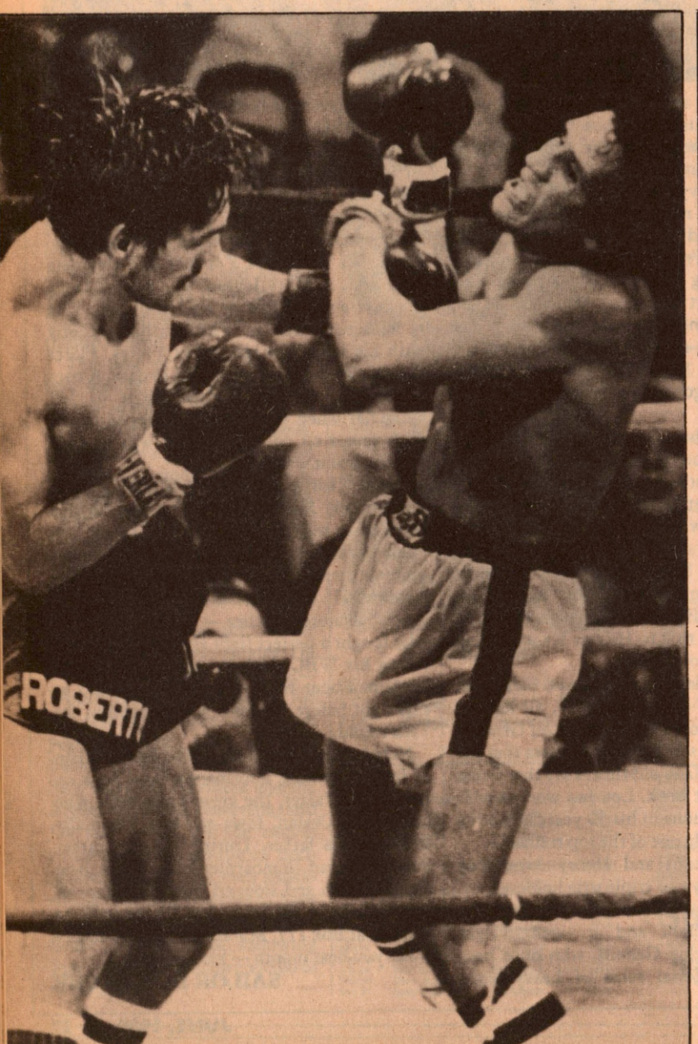
In such a place, you get tough or die or become one of life's doormats. Duran developed into the fiercest of the street kids, grew to 5'7" with the shoulders and hands of a man a half-foot taller and the dark malevolent eyes that would make so many say that he looked like an assassin. Urged at seventeen to bring his fists to a gymnasium, Duran agreed. On March 8, 1967, in Colon, Panama, he won a four-round decision over one Carlos Mendoza. A career had begun.

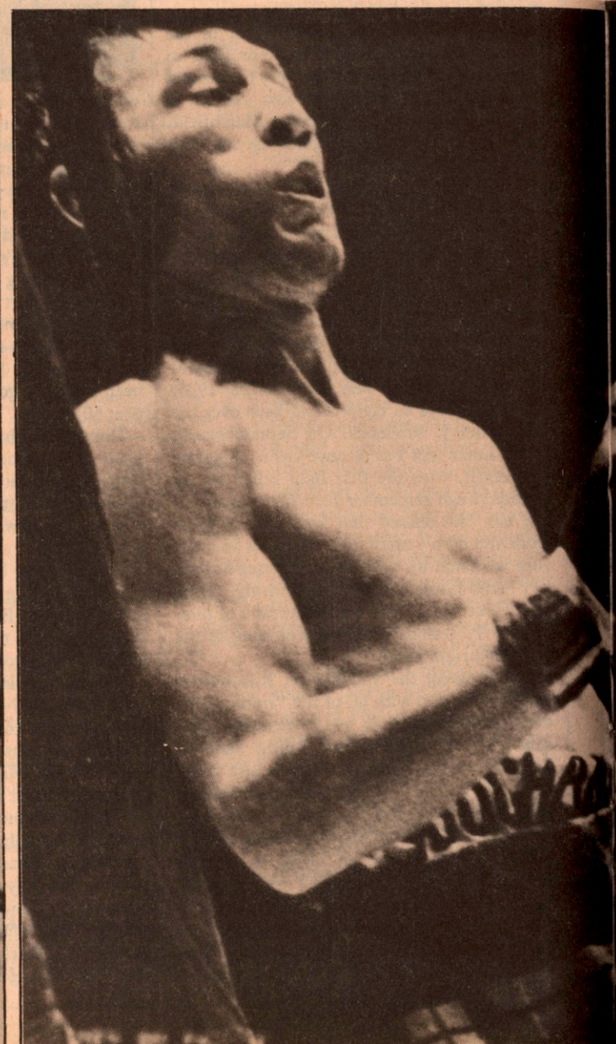
He was an easy winner in those early years. Despite his success, he received little notoriety in Panama, where boxing fans idolized another Panamanian lightweight, the-then world champion, Ismael Laguna, a small Ali, slim, balletic, with an elusive body and hands that moved in blurs. Laguna reminded one of a matador; Duran the bull. No one idolized the beast.

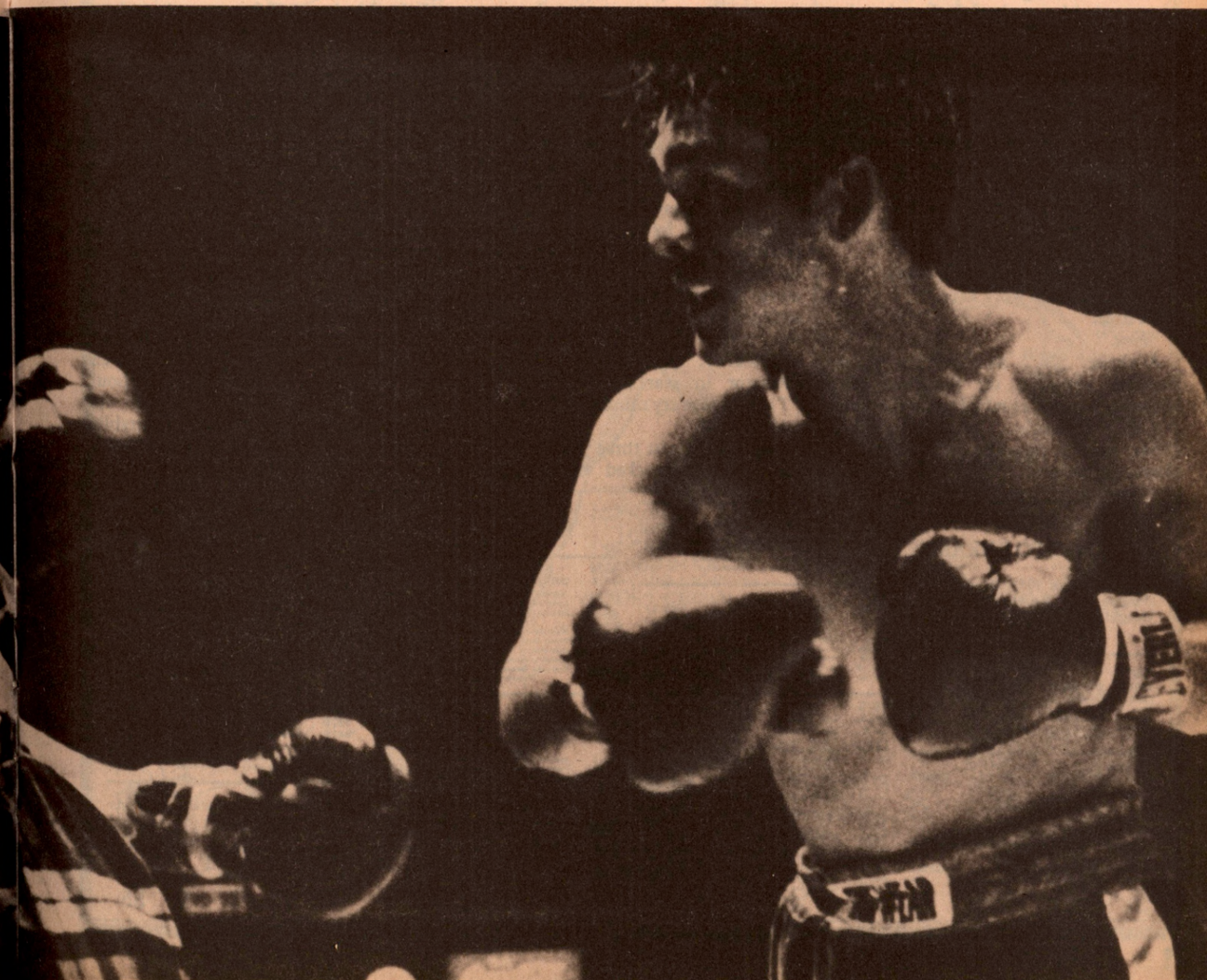
But by 1971, after Laguna had lost his title and then a rematch to Scotland's Ken Buchanan, Panama's attention turned toward Duran. In July of 1972, having gone undefeated — with 24 knockouts in his 29 fights — a twenty-year old Duran found himself in Madison Square Garden fighting Buchanan for the championship. Their confrontation was less a bout than a maiming. In the early going, Duran wore down Buchanan with left-hooks to the kidneys and midsection, the body shots slowly robbing Buchanan of his wind. By the tenth round, the Scotsman had spat out his bulky mouthpiece to breathe more air. He was in agony, trying to remain standing, to spare himself the final humiliation of being knocked out. But his body could not abide his will. He could not make it through the thirteenth round. The title had changed hands.

Buchanan avoided Duran for the remaining years of his career. Esteban DeJesus avoided no one. DeJesus, the top-ranked challenger, who two years earlier had inflicted upon Duran his only defeat, a ten-round loss in a non-title bout, demanded a title fight against Duran. The rematch finally took place in 1974 in Panama City. Floored in the first round, Duran climbed to his feet and for the next six rounds punished DeJesus' midsection as he had Buchanan's. In the seventh, the challenger lowered his arms to protect the stomach, leaving the head vulnerable. And Duran pounded it, his mouth in a snarl, the eyes gleaming black, looking for a way to snuff out the consciousness yet remaining in his opponent. He had taken the bout into the streets, making it less a prizefight than a struggle for survival. After the eleventh, a stunned DeJesus could be seen shaking his head at his cornermen. "I don't want to go back out there. I don't want to go." They told him he *must*. He went out, got knocked down by a last hook, and sat on the canvas until the referee counted him out.

One thought he would never see another beating like it, but one year later,





there was Duran again, the mouthpiece bared, the eyes berserk, rendering unconscious a challenger named Ray Lampkin, sending him off to a hospital for a week and saying afterwards, "He's lucky I don't kill him."

Panamanians now watched him with awe; "Hands of Stone," — they called him. He had been champion for five years. The President of Panama regularly honored him; he received $250,000 for a fight; celebrities like Sylvester Stallone were his pals. There were great parties to attend, much tequilla if he wanted it, all the trappings that lure fighters into complacancy. But Duran lost none of his fire. He still railed at opponents who dared to say they would beat him. Predictions are part of the business, but Duran had not accepted the ways of the business. A bout remained little different for him than a fight in the streets. "I will show them. I will kill them."

So, he was driven on fight days. But the weeks of training before a fight bored him, made him restless. In Los Angeles, awaiting a third fight with DeJesus, Duran was carefully watched by trainers Ray Arcel and Freddie Brown, both in their seventies, stern, paternalistic types who could shout at Duran without being decked in return, who excelled at making him feel guilty enough to train strenuously.

"How many rounds we do?" he asked them in Spanish.

"Five," they answered.

"No, too many. Just three, today."

"Five. You will work hard."

"Three."

*"Five."*

A shrug. "Si." And a trace of annoyance appeared on his face. The sparring partner climbed into the ring, sweating profusely. The crowd pushed closer toward the ring. A sadistic excitement hovered. The week before, Duran had broken the nose of another sparring partner, an undefeated middleweight from Philadelphia, and just a couple days before had attacked sparring partner number two, a Puerto Rican who had mocked Panama and informed Duran that DeJesus would annihilate him. It had taken 20 minutes to restrain Roberto. What mayhem might be unleashed today?

None, it turned out. The sparring partner, tall and slender with a nickname, "Bad Blood," inscribed on his trunks, had taken the precaution of shaking Duran's hand before the workout. Smiling, Duran took it easy on him.

At sparring's end, a relieved Bad Blood smiled and held gauze against a bleeding nose. Duran began work on the heavy bag. A middleweight looked on. "Man, no lightweight hit like that; man *no heavyweight* round here done ever hit that bag like that." The bag was attached by a chain to a hook on the ceiling. "Maybe he'll knock the bag off, huh?" wondered the middleweight. Yes, it seemed possible. There was the bag, careening crazily from the force of Duran's blows; and there was Duran, his smile gone, pounding left-hooks into the bag as though it were a kidney. And it was then that one noticed his eyes, suddenly coal-black and maniacal, their concentration chilling. It was as if he were trying to transport himself to the fury of the fight three weeks away, to see and feel it for a moment, to let his animosities for DeJesus churn awhile. It went on like this for three minutes and 150 punches, and when it ended one waited to see some satisfaction in him reveal itself. There was none. The foul spirits had him temporarily, and he brushed aside a spectator in search of a jump rope. "That's one crazy mutha," whispered the middleweight.

That was almost three years ago. Since then, Duran knocked out DeJesus a second time, and left the lightweight division. The task of training down to the lightweight limit of 135 pounds had become impossible. So, he moved into the welterweight division, where the weight limit is 147, currently boxing's toughest division.

There is much reason to believe he will ultimately fail as a welterweight. He is suddenly giving away height and reach. He is giving away years. And — against the best of the welterweight division, Sugar Ray Leonard — he will be giving away something else, too. For, in Leonard, he would be meeting a fighter who possesses possibly the fastest hands and feet of any welterweight ever, swifter than Sugar Ray Robinson, a 21-year-old with the capacity to become a legend in this sport.

Leonard may prove to be the perfect foil, for Duran has had difficulty in the past against mobile fighters with long reaches. Such a stylist, lightweight Edwin Viruet, cut Duran and won six rounds before losing a fifteen-round decision. Leonard, with a longer, quicker, and more punishing jab than Viruet, may find himself able to keep the shorter Duran at bay all evening long.

Yet when one is tempted to say that the shorter, slower and older fighter cannot succeed, he remembers the fighter in Duran, the Duran who took a taller Kenny Buchanan apart in sections, the Duran who in the primal madness of a moment thought of killing Ray Lampkin. He is not like other men, other fighters. He is still the win-or-lie-in-the-dust kid of the Panama streets.

And anyone who wants to beat him will have to travel down those streets and traverse his fury. It is a trip few should want to make; one that Sugar Ray Leonard must now take to establish himself as the toughest man on the welterweight block. ■

## ROBERTO DURAN

**Born:** June 16, 1951, Panama
**Height:** 5'7" **Reach:** 65"
**Weight:** 147 pounds

**1967**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mar. 8 | Carlos Mendoza | Colon, Panama | W 4 |
| Apr. 4 | Manuel Jimenez | Colon, Panama | KO 1 |
| May 14 | Juan Gondola | Colon, Panama | KO 1 |
| May 30 | Eduardo Morales | Panama City | KO 1 |
| Aug. 10 | Enrique Jacobo | Panama City | KO 1 |

**1968**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 12 | Uche de Leon | Panama City | KO 2 |
| Feb. 8 | Leroy Cargill | Panama City | KO 2 |
| Mar. 16 | Cafe Howard | Panama City | KO 1 |
| Apr. 2 | Alberto Brands | Panama City | KO 4 |
| Sept. 4 | Eduardo Fruto | Panama City | W 8 |

**1969**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mar. 12 | Jacinto Garcia | Panama City | KO 5 |
| May 3 | Adolfo Osses | Panama City | KO 7 |
| July 16 | Serafin Garcia | Panama City | KO 5 |
| Aug. 15 | Luis Patino | Panama City | KO 7 |

**1970**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Apr. 5 | Felipe Torres | Mexico City | W 10 |
| May 16 | Ernesto Marcel | Panama City | KO 10 |
| July 10 | Clemente Mucino | Colon, Panama | KO 6 |
| Sept. 5 | Marvin Castanedas | Panama City | KO 1 |

**1971**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 10 | Nacho Castanedas | Panama City | KO 4 |
| Mar. 5 | Jose Angel Herrera | Mexico City | KO 6 |
| Apr. 4 | Jose Acosta | Panama City | KO 1 |
| May 29 | Lloyd Marshall | Panama City | KO 6 |
| July 18 | Fermin Soto | Monterrey, Mexico | KO 3 |
| Sept. 13 | Benny Huertas | New York City | KO 1 |
| Oct. 15 | Hiroshi Kobayashi | Panama City | KO 7 |

**1972**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 15 | Angel Robinson Garcia | Panama City | W 10 |
| Mar. 10 | Panchito Munez | Panama City | KO 1 |
| June 26 | Ken Buchanan (Won World Lightweight Title) | New York City | KO 13 |
| Sept. 2 | Greg Potter | Panama City | KO 1 |
| Oct. 28 | Lupe Ramirez | Panama City | KO 1 |
| Nov. 17 | Esteban DeJesus | New York City | L 10 |

**1973**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 20 | Jimmy Robertson (Retained World Lightweight Title) | Panama City | KO 5 |
| Feb. 22 | Juan Medina | Los Angeles | KO 7 |
| Mar. 17 | Javier Ayala | Los Angeles | W 10 |
| Apr. 14 | Geraldo Ferrat | Panama City | KO 2 |
| June 2 | Hector Thompson (Retained World Lightweight Title) | Panama City | KO 8 |
| Aug. 4 | Doc McClendon | San Juan, P.R. | W 10 |
| Sept. 8 | Ishimatsu (Guts) Suzuki (Retained World Lightweight Title) | Panama City | KO 10 |
| Dec. 1 | Tony Garcia | Santiago, Chile | KO 2 |

**1974**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 21 | Leonard Tavarez | Paris, France | KO 4 |
| Feb. 16 | Armando Mendoza | Panama City | KO 3 |
| Mar. 16 | Esteban DeJesus (Retained World Lightweight Title) | Panama City | KO 11 |
| July 6 | Flash Gallego | Panama City | KO 5 |
| Sept. 2 | Hector Matta | San Juan, C.R. | W 10 |
| Oct. 31 | Jose Vasquez | San Jose, C.R. | KO 2 |
| Nov. 16 | Adelberto Vanegas | Panama City | KO 1 |
| Dec. 21 | Masataka Takayama (Retained World Lightweight Title) | San Jose, C.R. | KO 1 |

**1975**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 15 | Andres Saldago | Panama City | KO 1 |
| Mar. 2 | Ray Lampkin (Retained World Lightweight Title) | Panama City | KO 14 |
| June 3 | Jose Peterson | Miami Beach | KO 1 |
| Aug. 3 | Pedro Mendoza | Managua, Nic. | KO 1 |
| Sept. 13 | Alirio Acuna | Chitre, Panama | KO 3 |
| Sept. 30 | Edwin Viruet | Uniondale, N.Y. | W 10 |
| Dec. 20 | Leoncio Ortiz (Retained World Lightweight Title) | San Juan, P.R. | KO 15 |

**1976**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| May 4 | Saoul Mamby | Miami Beach | W 10 |
| May 23 | Lou Bizzaro (Retained World Lightweight Title) | Erie, Pa. | KO 14 |
| July 31 | Emiliano Villa | Panama City | KO 7 |
| Oct. 15 | Alvaro Rojas (Retained World Lightweight Title) | Hollywood, Fla. | KO 1 |

**1977**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 29 | Vilomar Fernandez (Retained World Lightweight Title) | Miami Beach | KO 13 |
| May 16 | Javier Muniz | Landover, Md. | W 10 |
| Aug. 6 | Bernardo Diaz | Panama City | KO 1 |
| Sept. 17 | Edwin Viruet (Retained World Lightweight Title) | Philadelphia | W 15 |

**1978**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 21 | Esteban DeJesus (Retained World Lightweight Title) (Won WBC Recognition) | Las Vegas | KO 12 |
| Apr. 27 | Adolfo Viruet | New York City | W 10 |
| Sept. 1 | Ezequiel Obando | Panama City | KO 2 |
| Dec. 8 | Monroe Brooks | New York City | KO 8 |

**1979**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Apr. 8 | Jimmy Heair | Las Vegas | W 10 |
| June 22 | Carlos Palomino | New York City | W 10 |
| Sept. 28 | Zeferino Gonzalez | Las Vegas | W 10 |

**1980**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 13 | Josef Nsubuga | Las Vegas | KO 4 |
| Feb. 24 | Wellington Wheatley | Las Vegas | KO 6 |

**Summary**

| BOUTS | WINS | LOSSES | DRAWS | KO'S |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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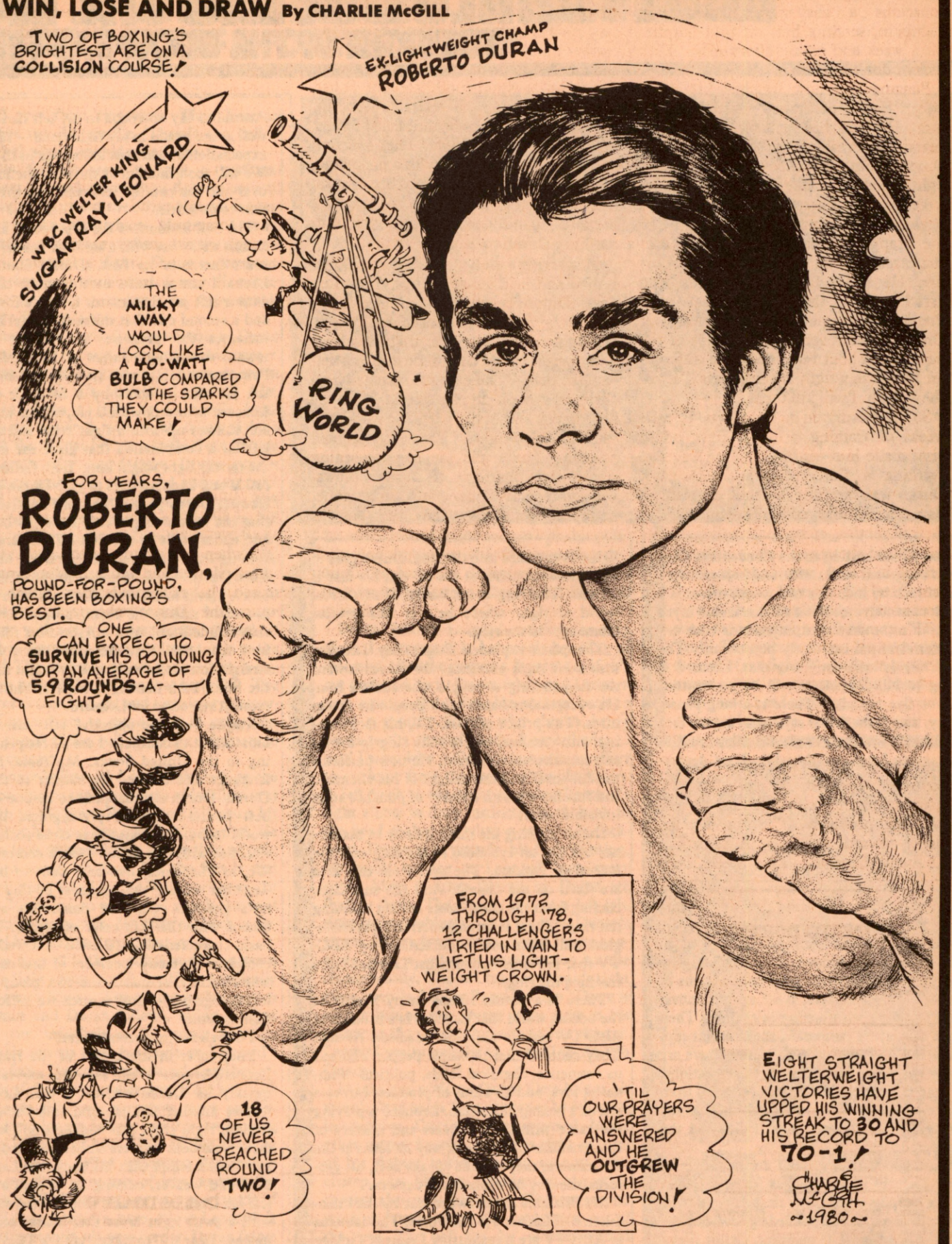
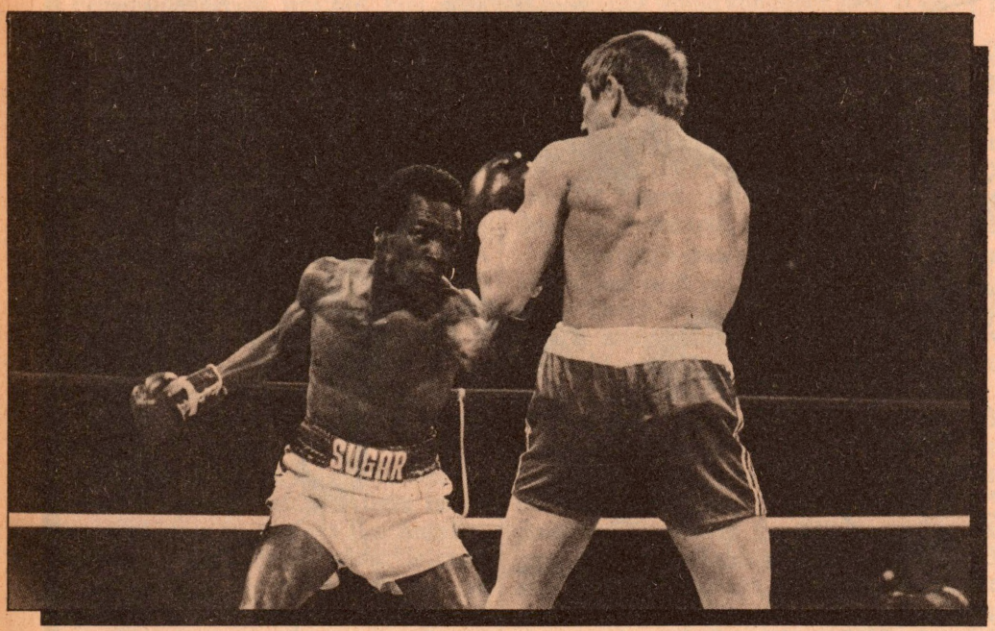
# WIN, LOSE AND DRAW By CHARLIE McGILL



# JOSE TORRES COVERS THE LEON

## THE FIGHT OF THE DECADE AS SEEN IN




Every road leading to the Convention Center is congested with traffic and humans. As I travel inch by inch in a taxi whose driver is a black man convinced that a Panamanian myth is about to be destroyed, my ride is both uncomfortable and extremely bothersome. The cabdriver is insistent. "My man Leonard is going to kill Duran. It will be no contest. Maybe five rounds." There is a long pause. "Hey, man," the driver says studying my face through the mirror, "are you Hispanic?" I manage to laugh mildly while I try desperately to unravel in my mind the conflicts I have with Sugar Ray. Is he a great fighter? No. He's just a very good fighter! But, am I sure?

As I sit in the press row, which is already packed, I look around and see an interesting division in the way groups of people are seated: The first four rows close to the ring are reserved for the press; Next there are three rows packed with people dressed in tuxedos with ridiculous bow ties, people who look like big shots from large corporations or perhaps TV executives; Next are the movie stars mingling with boxing celebrities; Then come the paying customers, the constant supporters of Muhammad Ali's game. There are some Hispanics dispersed in these sections, but the Hispanic crowds cannot be seen from my ringside seat. They are in the cheap seats, far away from the perfumed ladies and the pampered men.

I struggle with my mind and a collective noise disturbs it. It builds as Roberto Duran strolls happily towards the ring. He is staring at the floor and is surrounded by local cops — and his handlers. His manager, Carlos Eleta, expands the third and fourth ropes to ease his fighter's entrance into the ring. Duran goes in and throws punches at the air and his face is serious. The ring is his castle. Duran's real world is right where he's at this precise moment — in the ring.

The place explodes! Sugar Ray Leonard makes *his* regal entrance. He moves toward the ring smiling at people who adulate him. He even shakes hands with people he recognizes. The prince of ABC-TV, his face shining with vaseline, reaches the ring to a wild and tumultuous reception. He now performs the Ali shuffle to the delight of his clientele, and finishes up with a flurry of punches at an invisible boxer.

Duran is doing his thing quietly in his corner but not an eye close to the ring sees the marvel of Panama. The eyes from this area are fixed on the champ. And the sure boos coming from the cheap seats are not reaching the ring. There is an impenetrable psychological wall built and manufactured by ABC-TV that prevents boos against Leonard from reaching the ring.

There is a notion among many people of the boxing world that Leonard is a product of ABC-TV and its allies on Madison Avenue They contend that the same people who sell us cosmetics, chemical foods, political candidates, toys, and all kinds of products can also sell us a boxing champion. Leonard is playing the game with these movers and shakers of the consumer mind — the way he looks at the TV camera, they way he speaks at it, his gestures, the way he winks at the camera.

My thoughts are drowned out by the introduction of Leonard to the world. The cameras of ABC-TV are transmitting Leonard's image to dozens of countries, some as far away as Australia. My notebook in my left hand — as well as the pencil in my right hand — shake in expectation at what could happen in the ring. We will soon find out as the introductions are over and the two fighters return to their corners to do battle.

The bell announces the first round and, as Duran walks out with a smile at Leonard, my heart increases its beat. Duran feints and Leonard jumps back, coming right back in with a left jab that grazes Duran's forehead and a second one that misses entirely. Duran increases the pressure by walking faster toward the moving target of Leonard. The Panamanian feints with his body and throws a left jab that is short by a foot. Or more. Leonard connects with a jab, misses another and follows up with a right cross and then a left hook combination that glaze the eyes of the former lightweight king. Both fighters get inside and Leonard tries to grab Duran by the elbows. Duran pushed Leonard back so hard that the welterweight king loses his balance and almost falls to the floor. There are boos coming from ringside and the referee admonishes Duran. Leonard comes toward Duran to touch gloves and Duran responds with a left hook that misses the champ's head. Leonard throws a left jab, then a right cross followed by a left hook. Now he comes back with a straight left to the body and a straight right to the head, both making contact at the bell. I scored this round for Leonard.

Maybe I can be objective after all. But I must admit to conflicts. I am an Hispanic living in the United States. My roots, blood, language and culture are similar to that of Duran. Duran also happens to be one of the best pound-for-pound prizefighters in the world today. But I also have close socio-political ties with this nation's black community. We, as Hispanics, live next door to blacks. Together we are the residents of this country's ghettoes. Our last names are synonomous with the skin color of blacks. Those basic characteristics are often observed with contempt by many members of this nation's white society. It makes the two groups join forces together — and as such we suffer and fight together.

The bell for the second round!

They meet in the center of the ring and Leonard shoots a left jab and moves back quickly as Duran misses a jab. Leonard throws another left jab and follows with a straight right cross that connects on Duran's face. Now both fighters smile. Leonard stops and Duran feints with his body and Leonard bobs and weaves, coming up to find a solid left jab flush on Duran's face. Duran follows with a swift right cross that misses only by inches. Leonard counters with a fast flurry that causes no real damage but raises a sub-

# ARD-DURAN FIGHT IN ADVANCE

## THE MIND'S EYE OF A FORMER CHAMP

dued roar from ringsiders. Then Leonard flashes the Ali shuffle. There's the bell. I think this is a Leonard round also.

The fighters seem to have a profound respect for each other. Both fighters are still trying to figure out the other. Normal tension has overtaken the fighters. However, I see no frustration in either of them. It's the sign of a good, interesting fight. Duran's determination has been established. Leonard's capacity to do this was, in my view, questionable before. Now it is not.

The bell sounds for round three. Duran almost runs to meet Leonard in his corner. Leonard tries to grab but Duran connects with a good left hook to Leonard's ribs. Duran chops a right to Leonard's head. Leonard responds with a jab followed by a quick flurry that brings a smile from Duran; the smile of a caged tiger. Duran presses Leonard againt the ropes and opens up with hard punches. Leonard evades them with grace and comes back with a right cross, left hook combination to Duran's face. Duran moves both gloves calling Leonard back. Leonard smiles and does another Ali shuffle. Now Duran rushes Leonard and there is an exchange. Leonard comes right back, stepping in with a straight right and a left hook. It catches Duran by surprise. Duran falls to the floor! The crowd is on its feet. Duran is signaling towards his corner that he is OK. The referee counts to eight and signals to a desperate Leonard not to come until he calls him. The sound of the bell sends both fighters to their corners.

I cannot believe it! A left hook flush on the jaw producing temporary loss of intellect sent Duran to the floor. By the time his pants hit the floor his head was completely normal. He had a look of humiliation rather than of pain written across his face. But the fact is that Duran was tricked by the WBC welterweight king. It was not an accidental punch that sent Duran to the canvas. My state of shock is dispelled by the bell. Round four starts.

The pace of both pugilists and the pattern of the fight seems not to be affected radically by the knockdown. The champ backs up with elegance and Duran follows, biting his lips with the mouthpiece. No smile now on Duran's serious face. No smile on Leonard's shiny face. The cold, impersonal, detached attitude of champions takes over. That left hook has made this fight somehow more serious. Duran no longer follows around the moving target in front of him. He's cutting the ring short. That's called pressure. Meanwhile Leonard flicks a couple of jabs, making the last one stiff. The stiff one brings a trickle of blood from Duran's nose. Now Leonard is forced to stop in his own corner. Duran feints and Leonard throws one, two, three, four, five punches. All miss. Duran keeps feinting and Leonard goes into a shell. Duran throws a left hook, then a right hand to the side of Leonard's body. Leonard reacts instinctively with a flurry of fast punches, some of which land on Duran's face. It brings the crowd to its feet. Undoubtedly, those punches cause some effect. But the professional demands Duran makes of himself allow him not to show the effect.

Leonard resumes his attack and is met with bombs to the body. Both fighters get inside and the referee separates them. The bell stops the action. Duran rushes to his corner. Leonard goes to his slowly. The boxing writers around the ring produce a huge murmur; some come to me for my opinion. I'd just scored this fourth round for Leonard. In fact, I have the champ winning going away. But I detect something funny in his character.

Rounds five, six and seven went more or less like the fourth. I gave the fifth to Duran, had the sixth even and scored the seventh to Leonard. Rounds eight and nine produced interesting exchanges with Duran getting the best of both rounds on my scorecard. Now I wait for the bell announcing Round Ten. And there it is!

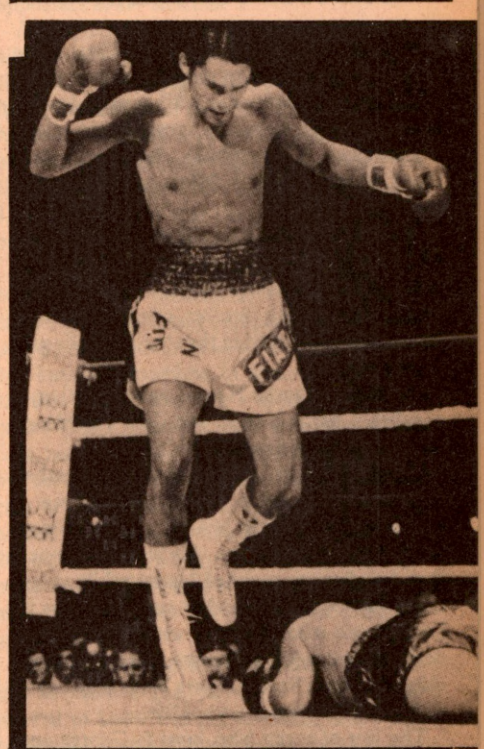
Duran follows Leonard, cutting the ring short. I am amazed at Leonard's handling of this most effective pressure. It seems as if he's not bothered by it. Duran feints and Leonard goes against the ropes. He springs back to meet a waiting Duran who throws heavy blows to the champ's body. Leonard tries to hold Duran who pulls and pushes in an effort to get loose from the grasp of the champion. A left hook to the body provokes Leonard's right elbow to drop instinctively. A hook to the head shakes the champ who reels backward. Duran is in pursuit, his body feinting, his hands coming at Leonard from every angle. Most punches thrown by Duran are finding flesh. The champ throws a left jab, right cross combination that lands on Duran's gloves. There is an exchange and Duran connects with a left-right combination to the champ's body. The bell catches Duran's right glove deep in Leonard's midsection. There is silence behind me. Duran again runs to his corner as if to make the minute rest shorter. Leonard walks calmly to a waiting Angelo Dundee.

Manager-confidante Carlos Eleta brings his mouth close to his fighter's ear as he whispers instructions. Duran nods in approval. In the other corner Angelo Dundee is right in front of his fighter talking calmly to him. The champ, just like his opponent in the other corner, also nods his head. The ten-second warning buzzer sends the cornermen out of the ring. The bell for the eleventh round finds both fighters on their feet anticipating the action, ready to get back to work.

Duran comes in fast. Leonard shoots a jab. Duran bends under it and throws a left uppercut — half-uppercut, half-hook — that hits the champ under the heart. Duran follows with a right to the head that goes inches above it. Leonard now steps back and flicks a couple of inconsequential jabs. He grabs Duran who pays no attention. The referee moves toward the fighters as Duran lets go a fast left hook-right cross combo to the champ's face. Duran charges and Leonard's legs seem to be begging for strength. Duran throws a devastating right cross to Leonard's midsection. A left hook to the head is partially blocked by Leonard's right glove. A Duran right connects and it sends the champion against the ropes near his corner. The champ goes into a shell and Duran opens up with punches to the body and head. The champ throws a jab. Duran twists his body to the right and shoots a right cross over the champ's jab. It catches the tip of the champ's jaw. Legs and body commence a swift descent to the canvas. Duran runs to a neutral corner. The referee picks up the count from the timekeeper: ". . . Four . . . Five . . . Six . . . Seven . . ." Parts of the champ's body begin to move. Instinct is struggling to lift him up. "Nine . . . Ten!" The referee waives his arms signaling the end of the fight. No wall can block the immense collective screams of the crowd.

And just then I woke up.

Damn, I thought. It seemed so real!



# WHEN IS A BOXING DEATH NOT A BOXING DEATH?

## IN AN EXCLUSIVE STORY, RING UNCOVERS THE STRANGE LIFE OF CHARLIE NEWELL. AND HIS STRANGER DEATH

BY JOHN REINOSA
AS TOLD TO BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

My name is John Reinosa. That alone wouldn't be enough to qualify me to write a piece for *Ring* Magazine. What does qualify me is that I'm presently incarcerated at the Connecticut Correctional Institute. And that's where I knew a fellow named Charlie Newell.

Who is Charlie Newell? Charlie Newell was the third of four boxing deaths in four months through the end of 1979 and into 1980. He was just a number, one of more than 200 men who've died in the ring since the end of World War II.

But to me Charlie Newell was more than a number. Charlie Newell was flesh and blood. And he *wasn't* a *boxing* death!

Charles Wilbert Newell, like so many other young men, turned to boxing as a way out, a way to change his life. Newell had the misfortune of being born black. He was imprisoned that day. Society spanked his ass while uttering, "My God, not another one!" He was to become one who knew the wind sores of raw deals and crowded bedrooms, shared with six older brothers. Rooms where black English — and survival — were ways of life.

The last of seven boys born to George and Mattie Newell, Charlie had been raised in a one-family frame house at 16 Cambridge Street on Hartford's North End. There he first began to run around with the wrong crowd.

Take the first time his name ever appeared on a police blotter, back on July 9, 1968. On that fateful day two of Charlie's friends, Cornell Hill and Ronald Rogers, both inmates at the Connecticut School for boys in Meriden, broke out of the unfenced facility, like so many others before them. What made these two delinquents different from the facility's other 80-90 runaways a year was that they stole a red hardtop convertible with the keys left in the ignition for what was then commonly described as a "joy ride".

However, the "joy ride" turned into a nightmare. For, after picking up their friend Charlie, the two runaways took the car through Hartford's Keney Park where they were spotted by a policeman. Suspicious of the age of the driver, the policeman motioned the car over. The driver, Cornell Hill, started to pull over. Then, suddenly, he hit the accelerator and sped off, only to lose control of the car trying to pass another in his path. The car fish-tailed and slammed into a small bicyclist first, then into a tree, shearing off the 8-year-old boy's legs and killing him instantly. The impact crushed the engine of the car and injured the three passengers; Hill, the driver, who was admitted to St. Francis Hospital in fair condition; Ronald Rogers, in critical condition and Charlie Newell, in serious condition, with head injuries.

There Charlie underwent brain surgery and was hospitalized for over a month, while neurosurgeons, including a Dr. John X.R. Basile, checked his condition. He was to return for further treatment months later after complaining of recurring headaches. Those headaches, along with a half-foot long scar on his forehead — and, some say, a metal plate in his head — were to be his constant companions for life.

But Charlie was to bear more than just a visible scar; he was also a marked man in the eyes of the law, with his first entry on the Hartford police department's "rap" sheet.

After trying to "find himself" by joining the Job Corps in San Marcus, Texas — where he won two awards for international activities and received a certificate of completion — Charlie returned home to Hartford. And more trouble. He finally made the big time when, in August of 1977, he pulled a 6-to-12 year stretch for armed robbery and became an inmate in the Connecticut Correctional Institution, maximum custody branch.

It was while he was incarcerated in maximum security, a place given the name Somers, that for the first time in his life Charlie found a workable alternative, one he could and wanted to use — the way inmates rationalize and justify — to insure that this was to be his last trip on the glass wave. He wanted to box. He looked at it as a means of escape from the long hours and drudgery of prison life, an escape from all the wrongs that kept him tied to the only life he had known. And, although Charlie never articulated it, in his own quiet, low-key way, he felt this was to be his one chance out and that only boxers were afforded that chance: their own shot at a piece of the pie all Americans are promised.

The State of Connecticut has produced few boxing greats — Willie Pep, Louis (Kid) Kaplan, Bat Battalino and a few others who can be counted on the fingers, or the thumbs, of your hands — and even fewer fighters. So when the State of Connecticut legalized boxing back in 1973 — after an eight-year ban, predicated, in part, on a rash of boxing deaths in the early '60s, starting with Benny (Kid) Paret — it was only natural they look to their prison system for willing hands and bodies. Cannon fodder, others called it. The promoters welcomed the new blood, for it gave them more fighters to draw on. And more fights with which to draw fans.

It wasn't long before many of the fighters on almost every boxing card in the state were being announced as hailing from the seemingly picturesque towns of Somers and Enfield, two small towns just north of Hartford. But these weren't their home towns. These were boxers from the state's maximum and minimum security facilities, out on furlough, part of the State Department of Correction's rehabilitation program.

But even if none had yet made it, this was still Charlie's way out. His way to make it.

Little did he realize that by entering the boxing program, he was entering into a world of make-believe with make-believe hopes, make-believe rules and, tragically, make-believe safety precautions. For the safety precautions afforded to those members of the prison boxing team were something that can only be described as inadequate, at best, and criminal, at worst. It also smacked of Catch-22. Those inmates who were members of the boxing team never had to take another physical other than the one they took upon entering the institution. Indeed, inmates who boxed for as long as five years *never* had to take another physical. On the other hand, all inmates were presupposed to be in great shape if they had not been assertive in their appearances at "sick call".

And Charlie Newell, never assertive, always quiet and unassuming, was presumed to be in great physical shape merely because he was a member of the boxing team although he had never had a physical other than the one he took upon entering Somers. And even though he had had brain surgery at the age of 15 and sported a scar that elsewhere on his body would look like an appendectomy.

But before we dismiss this to a regulatory omission, with procedures that looked like crazy jigsaw patterns put together by drunken carpenters — at variance with common sense but basically harmless in intent — let it be known that "doctored" electroencephalograms (EEG's) have shown up in the prison files, issued in the name of one inmate-fighter but actually belonging to another. Such is the case of one issued in the name of an inmate named Roberson, a man who weighed over 200 pounds, but which, instead, measures the brain waves of a man weighing 145 pounds, a man named Randy Milton, traceable by his inmate number.

Charlie Newell didn't know the real meaning of EEG's and physicals. All he ever wanted to know was the meaning of life and how boxing could help him put the shattered

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pieces of his together again.

Under the aegis of Dave Musco, who had been a baseball coach — nothing more — before, plus another part-time coach, the program Charlie joined seemed to be working. At least partially. Two of the men in the program even fought future world's champions: Dave Huckaby losing a decision to Vito Antuofermo and Randy Milton losing to Sugar Ray Leonard via a knockout. But these were the exceptions to the rule. None had made it as a professional. And none seemed as if they were going to. But Charlie was going to make it. At least in his mind's eye.

And so, after a short amateur career, he turned pro in 1978, fighting some seven times over the next two years, winning four — including his last two fights — and losing three times, twice to a fighter out of Hartford named Marlon "Moochie" Starling.

Then, on the night of January 9, 1980, Charlie Newell again faced Marlon Starling, this time in the eight-round semi-final at Hartford's Civic Center Assembly Hall. For six rounds the two welterweights gave the 1500 fans so little action that the fans booed the two participants. Even Starling's supporters, who had earlier cheered the unbeaten fighter with cheers of "Moochie, Moochie," began to fill the hall with boos. Then, in the seventh round Starling hit Newell with a right and Newell went down, never to get up again.

Some said it was the force of the blow, a hard right as they had seen it. But Starling had broken his right hand in the second round. Others claimed it was a left before the right. There was no left. Still others claimed it was the force of his fall. But Newell had fallen first on his knees, then on his right shoulder, going down in sections, his head last.

Newell lifted his head slightly as the referee counted over him, eyes glazed, not understanding. Then his eyes closed, his head fell forward with more force than it had originally and it was all over. Literally.

His coach-trainer, Dave Musco, rushed to his side. So did the ringside physician, a Dr. Urrichio, as well as a neurosurgeon, added to the ringside staff for the first time that evening in the wake of the Willie Classen tragedy just six weeks before in neighboring New York, Dr. John X.R. Basile — the same Dr. Basile who had treated Newell for head injuries some 12 years earlier.

But there was nothing they could do for Charlie. Nor was there anything they could do for him during the next nine days he was in the intensive care ward at St. Francis following his operation to remove a blood clot.

And then it was over. Charlie Newell mercifully died at 1:58 P.M. on January 18, the very same day the New York State Athletic Commission released its findings on the Classen case.

But this case was not so cut-and-dried. For Charlie Newell, who had keeled over in the gym for no apparent reason several times, could have died anywhere. It was just that he had keeled over in front of 1500 fans at Hartford's Civic Center. That made news.

It was called "unfortunate" and inspired an investigation. But an investigation to discover what? Everyone came out blameless. When those investigating are merely investigating themselves and their methods, how can it come out any other way?

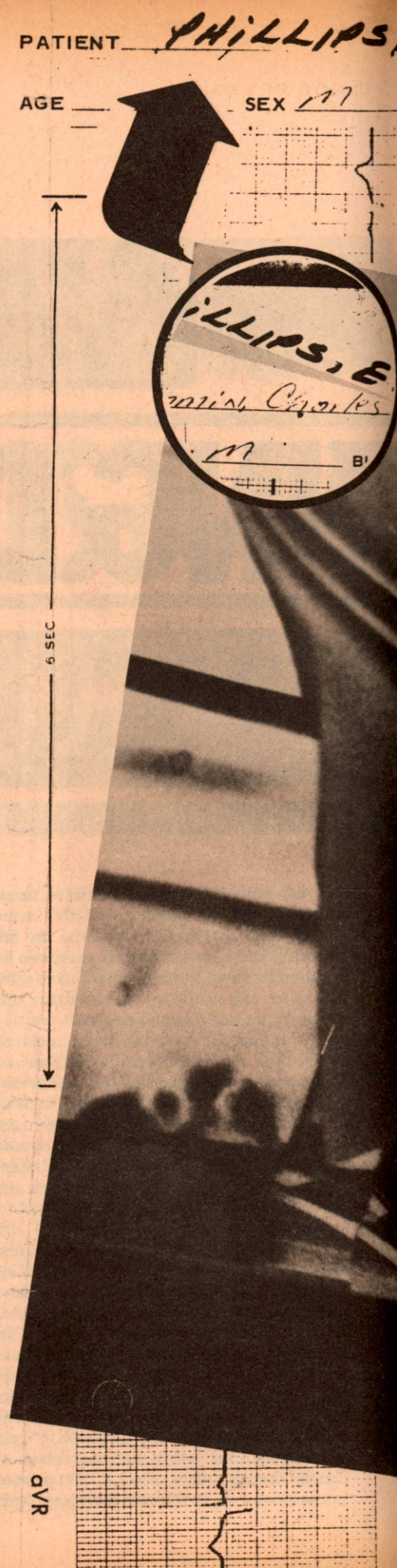
The real story of Charlie Newell neither ends with his death nor with the investigation. It goes far beyond that, all the way to his funeral where Doctor Basile noted in his eulogy that he "knew Charlie when Charlie was a youngster . . ." Why didn't he say he had treated him, that he was the doctor when he first suffered brain damage? And why, after the funeral, when one of my friends went back to the cemetery, was the tent gone, the casket gone and the hole for Charlie's remains standing open? Where was his body?

Whatever happened to Charlie Newell's EEG's? They're not in the prison files. Where are they? And what about the $10,000 accidental death insurance policy? Why, when Charlie had conveniently neglected to add the name of his beneficiary, was there talk about the money going to the promoters rather than his mother? Why is Charlie's professional license dated *after* his first professional fight? And why didn't he take a pre-fight physical?

No, this isn't your ordinary ring death. It's a bureaucratic death that *just* happened to occur in the ring. And no matter how much they try to buy my silence, to segregate me from the other prisoners, I want my voice to be heard.

For when you ask about Charlie Newell, those people who knew him invariably say, "I liked him, he was a nice guy." He was a man who wanted something, a man who tried. And when news of his death reached us at the prison, the entire gym of 500 men stood to observe a moment of silence for Charlie. He meant that much. His death was our death, and when he died, a part of all of us died, including those on the boxing team who knew Charlie best and whose numbers have dwindled from 40 to just four.

Charlie Newell might have died, but in so doing he might have won the biggest fight of his life; a fight for justice, a fight to free all of us from bureaucratic bungling. Then it won't have been in vain. ■

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# NEW FACES

## *JOHN LEE*

JOHN LEE REALIZES THE DRAWING power a white heavyweight possesses. Especially one who knows how to win. He also realizes that the pinnacle of the heavyweight division is not as unreachable as it once was.

But more than that, John Lee believes in himself and in his ability as a boxer. He believes he can turn his dream of winning the heavyweight championship of the world into a reality.

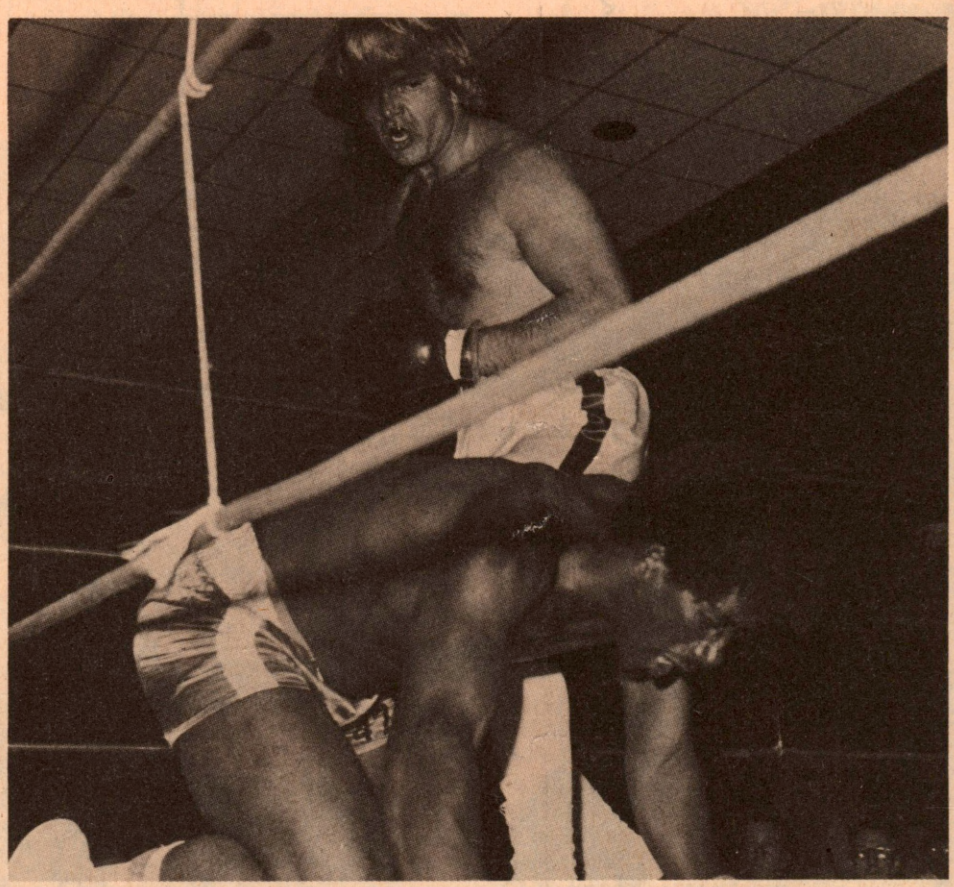
The handsome, baby-faced Lee, who looks more like a movie star or a male model than a fighter, was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee. Along with his good looks and outgoing personality, he is blessed with natural athletic ability. He has succeeded — even excelled — in every sport he has ever competed in. In 1973, he entered the Oklahoma State Golden Gloves and won a championship. The following year, he entered the Memphis City Golden Gloves and won a title there, too. Later that year, he lost in the finals of the Mid-South Regional Tournament. Lee was also the AAU heavyweight champion in 1976, 1977 and 1978. Four letters in track and four more in football were awarded to Lee — a descendent of Confederate General Robert E. Lee — during his high school years at Memphis' Frayser High.

Lee was so impressive as a football player that six major universities bid for his services. However, being a full-blooded Memphian, Lee chose to attend Memphis State, where he played defensive tackle on the football team. While running down opposing quarterbacks and slamming into ballcarriers, Lee's weight was 248 pounds.

"I was a really good football player," Lee said proudly. "I was voted 'Most Improved Lineman' in 1976.

But football wasn't what Lee's heart was set on.

"I was realistic," explained Lee. "I would have loved to play professional football, but I couldn't see a bright future in football because of my size. So I went to the coach and told him I wanted to become a professional boxer. I explained to him that I'd play my final year. He wasn't happy about it, nor was he very nice. So I turned in my scholarship and became a fighter."



**JOHN LEE**

**Born:** November 9, 1954
**Height:** 6'2" **Weight:** 218 pounds

Not many people would have given up a scholarship to go into boxing. But then, not many people can fight like "General" John Lee. He is a punishing hitter with either hand, and tremendously strong on the inside. It is doubtful that any heavyweight, even world class heavyweights, can bull Lee around.

"My strength comes from all my weight training," said Lee. "I can benchpress 360 pounds. I know boxing people don't believe in weights, but I believe a moderate weight training program can be an asset to a fighter."

Because of Lee's strenuous training schedule — he trains seven days a week, up to four hours a day — his weight has dropped 30 pounds from his football playing days and his waist has gone from a 38 to 34. The reduced poundage has added to Lee's quickness.

"I've worked hard over the last year-and-a-half," Lee said, "and my goal is to win the heavyweight crown. I'd love to bring the title to Memphis."

**1978**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
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| Aug. 29 | David Watkins | Memphis | KO 1 |
| Sept. 19 | Derrick Harrison | Memphis | KO 3 |
| Oct. 3 | Ed Baines | Memphis | KO 2 |
| Nov. 14 | Wolf Ray | Memphis | KO 5 |
| Nov. 22 | Ed Baines | Birmingham | KO 4 |

**1979**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
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| Apr. 12 | Charles Atlas | Memphis | KO 8 |
| May 1 | Carl Haliburton | Memphis | KO 1 |
| May 5 | John Wages | Cedar Rapids | KO 3 |
| June 5 | Baker Tinsley | Memphis | W 10 |
| Oct. 30 | Billy Joe Thomas | Memphis | KO 5 |

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## *ORLANDO MALDONADO*

ORLANDO MALDONADO BOUNCED around the Madison Square Garden dressing room he shared with junior featherweight king Wilfredo Gomez, throwing punches at an imaginary opponent. Fight time was only minutes away. Gomez would go on shortly afterwards, defending his world junior featherweight crown against Nicky Perez. Asked by a reporter how he felt, Maldonado replied, "Nervous." The 5'4" flyweight then went out and easily defeated his bantamweight opponent — there being no flyweights to be found in New York.

After returning to his dressing room, Maldonado found the reporter waiting for him.

"See," said the reporter. "You had nothing to be nervous about. Look how well you did against a taller, heavier opponent."

Maldonado looked at the reporter with puzzled eyes, then smiled.

"Oh, I wasn't nervous for me," said Maldonado. "I was nervous because my friend Wilfredo Gomez is fighting. I always get nervous and excited when he fights."

While Maldonado is like most Puerto Ricans who idolize Gomez, there is also a large following in Puerto Rico who also worship Maldonado. He scoffs at the suggestion that he is already a sports idol in Puerto Rico.

"I have a long way to go to reach Gomez's position in the boxing world," said the mustachioed Maldonado. "A very long way."

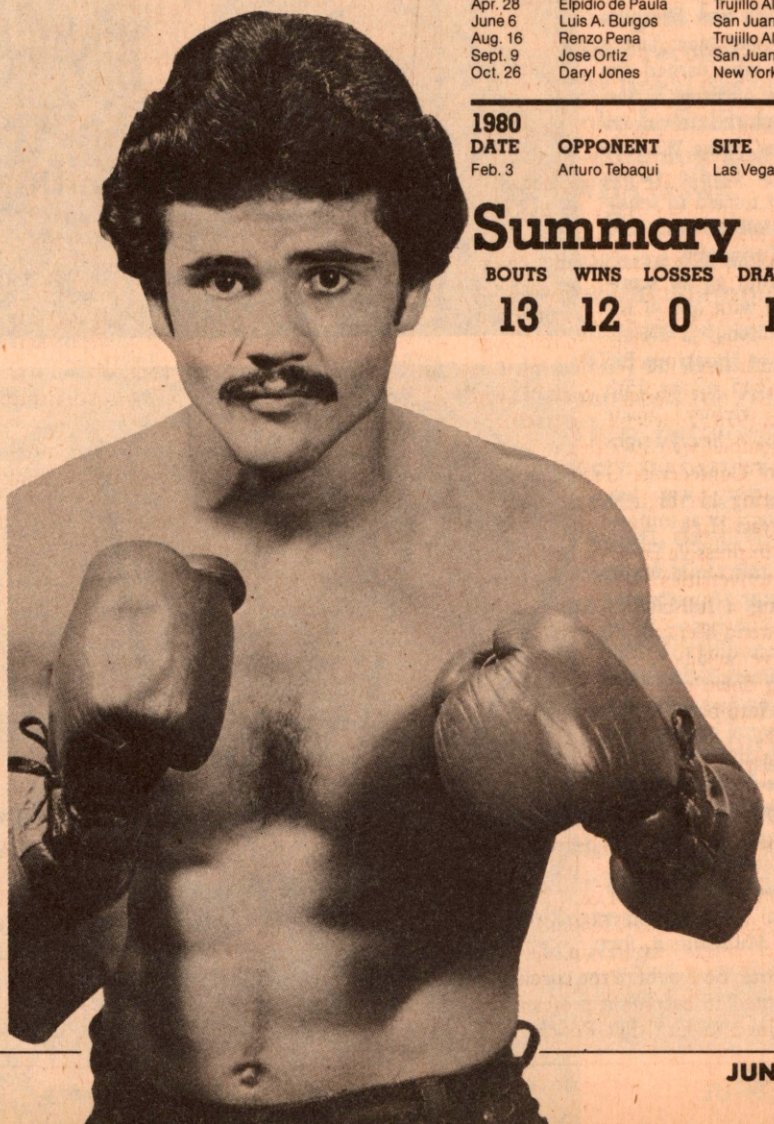
Greatness may not be as far away as Maldonado thinks. He is undefeated in 13 fights. And, more importantly, improving with every bout.

His foot speed and quickness of hand are just two of his strong points. He throws excellent combinations, can counter well and slips punches as deftly as any flyweight in the world. And Maldonado also has something few flyweights possess — power. As an amateur, Maldonado stopped 89 opponents on the way to compiling a 132-7 record. Included among his many amateur titles were the Schaeffer Trophy in New York, a National Golden Gloves title, and a bronze medal in the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal.

The youngest of seven children, Maldonado comes from a boxing background. Three of his older brothers boxed professionally, so he learned plenty from them long before he first laced on a pair of boxing gloves in competition at the age of 12. One of those brothers, Freytes Caban, serves as his trainer. Attorney Gabriel I. Penagaricano manages him.

"Serving as an advisor for Wilfredo Gomez gives me enough credibility to speak about greatness," said Penagaricano. "I believe Maldonado is on his way. His vast amateur career has given him the knowledge and experience of a veteran in the pro ranks for years. Within one year I see Maldonado fighting for a world title — and winning one. Also, this kid is not 21 yet. I can take my time with him. There's no rush; no rush at all. But he's ready right now."

One of those fighters who cannot stay out of the gym, Maldonado claims, "I will be ready when my title opportunity comes. I will not be one of those fighters who fights for a title, loses, then says, 'Next time I'll do it, next time.' I intend to become champion the first time I fight for the title. And I intend to hold onto the title for a very long time."



### ORLANDO MALDONADO

**Height:** 5'4" **Weight:** 112 pounds **Born:** Nov. 21, 1959
**Amateur Record:** 132-7, 89 knockouts

**1977**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| July 7 | Ramon L. Perez | San Juan | W 4 |
| Aug. 21 | Peterson Marin | Carolina, | W 4 |

**1978**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mar. 30 | Jose Latimer | San Juan | W 4 |
| Apr. 18 | Jose Latimer | San Juan | KO 4 |
| July 16 | Ramon L. Perez | San Juan | W 6 |
| Oct. 10 | Julio Guerrero | Dominican Republic | D 8 |
| Dec. 28 | Julio Guerrero | San Juan | W 8 |

**1979**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Apr. 28 | Elpidio de Paula | Trujillo Alto, P.R. | W 8 |
| June 6 | Luis A. Burgos | San Juan, P.R. | KO 3 |
| Aug. 16 | Renzo Pena | Trujillo Alto, P.R. | KO 3 |
| Sept. 9 | Jose Ortiz | San Juan | KO 3 |
| Oct. 26 | Daryl Jones | New York | W 10 |

**1980**

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 3 | Arturo Tebaqui | Las Vegas | KO 10 |

### Summary

| BOUTS | WINS | LOSSES | DRAWS | KO'S |
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# FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

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***MIKE WEAVER AND EDDIE GREGORY***

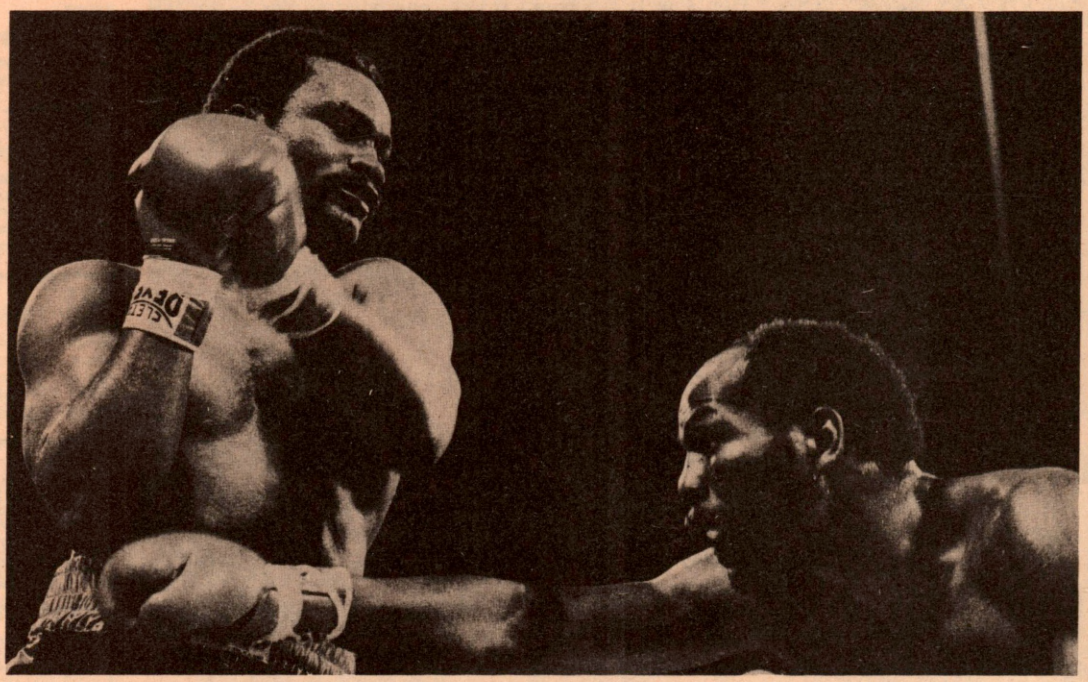
FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE month, two unsung challengers, not given much of a chance to win a world crown, have defied the odds, won the championship and earned The Ring's "Fighter of the Month" award, along with a one-year supply of clothes from Sasson Jeans, Inc., compliments of their president, Mr. Paul Guez.

Last month it was Detroit's Hilmer Kenty and New York's Saoul Mamby who earned the honor and were outfitted in Sasson. This month the co-winners are Los Angeles' **Mike Weaver** and Brooklyn's **Eddie Gregory,** who each turned in sensational victories on the same card in Knoxville, Tennessee.

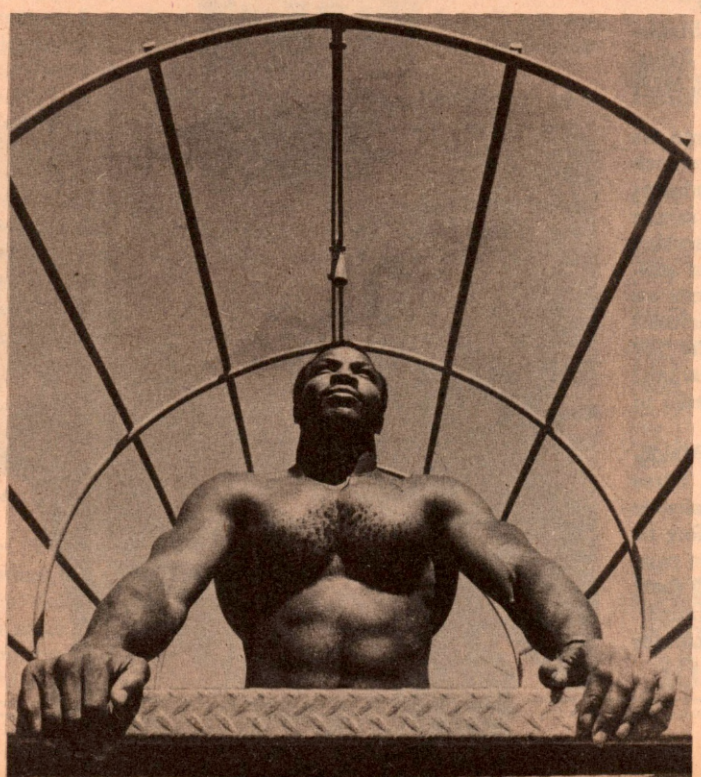
Weaver, behind on all scorecards, came up with one of the most explosive hooks in the annals of boxing to knock out Big John Tate in 2:15 of the 15th round. The victory made Weaver WBA heavyweight champion.

Gregory's victory was less stunning but every bit as impressive. No single punch ended Marvin Johnson's four-month reign as champion. An accumulation of body punches — 90 of them — did. According to a ringside physician immediately after the fight, Johnson had suffered a broken nose, several broken ribs, bruised muscles and torn cartilage during the fight. Johnson has always acted like a champion, and when the time has come, he has gone out like one.

Also considered for "Fighter of the Month" honors were Matthew Saad Muhammad, for his five-knockdown, fourth-round blastout of John Conteh; Panama's Hilario Zapata for his



MARVIN JOHNSON, RIGHT, MISSES RIGHT TO EDDIE GREGORY'S BODY. GREGORY WON THE FIGHT — AND JOHNSON'S WBA LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE — BY GIVING MARVIN A BAD BEATING



MIKE WEAVER THE BLACK HERCULES, WHO WON THE WBA HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE BY KNOCKING OUT BIG JOHN TATE

15- round decision against Japan's Shigeo Nakajima to win the WBC junior flyweight crown; Pipino Cuevas, for his awesome display of power in knocking out Harold Volbrecht in round five of their WBA welterweight title fight; Sugar Ray Leonard, who, with one mighty left hook in the fourth round, made Dave Green his first victim in a title defense; and Larry Holmes, who stopped previously unbeaten Leroy Jones to record his sixth consecutive title defense knockout.

# RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

Ever since boxing began to develop in its own freelance, free-form manner seven decades ago, it has taken on the misshapen appearance of a gnarled tree, with a champion here, a champion there and—like Old MacDonald's Farm— everywhere a champion, champion. In days of olde, the New York State Athletic Commission and the NBA each had their champions. Today, it is the WBA and the WBC who create divisions and crown piecemeal champions.

*Ring* has long taken a stand on the matter of dual champions, dating back to the days of the late and great Nat Fleischer. It has long been our premise that championships are won and lost in the ring, not in the smoke-filled rooms of boxing organizations which probably also could nominate Warren Harding for president again, if they had to.

And, so it was only natural that the present confusion in the heavyweight division started when the WBC stripped Leon Spinks of his newly-won heavyweight championship because he would not defend it against *their* Number One contender, Ken Norton. Instead, they recognized Norton as *their* champion, although he had never won a so-called title bout, merely a 12-round elimination bout against Jimmy Young. (Ironically, he was to lose it in his first "defense" against Larry Holmes, making him the only heavyweight champion in history *never* to have won at least one title bout!)

Thus, on the morning of June 10, 1978, the boxing world was treated to two heavyweight champions: Larry Holmes, the WBC champion, and Leon Spinks, the WBA champion. Three months later, Muhammad Ali entered again, stage left, to regain *his* title, the one *Ring* recognized as being the lineal descendant of John L. Sullivan's crown —also now known as the WBA crown.

*Ring* continued to recognize Ali as *the* heavyweight champion through September of 1978, or until he announced his retirement. Then, because there were no historical precedents, we held the title vacant, despite the presence of Holmes and Tate as WBC and WBA "champions".

With this issue *Ring* hereby recognizes Larry Holmes' claim as *the* Heavyweight Champion of the World. Not because he is the WBC claimant, but because he won his title *in the ring* with his victory last June 22nd over the WBA title claimant, Mike Weaver. That's where titles are won and lost—*in The Ring!*

## RING RATINGS 25 YEARS AGO

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.
1. Nino Valdes, Cuba
2. Dan Cockell, England
3. Bob Baker, Pittsburgh
4. Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati
5. Tommy Jackson, Far Rockaway
6. Earl Walls, Canada
7. Rex Layne, Lewiston, Utah
8. Heinz Neuhaus, Germany
9. James J. Parker, Toronto, Can.
10. Charley Norkus, Jersey City, N.J.

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
World Champion
James Carter, New York, N.Y.
1. Ralph Dupas, New Orleans
2. Duilio Loi, Italy
3. Frankie Ryff, New York
4. Paddy DeMarco, Brooklyn
5. Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, O.
6. Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland
7. Serafin Ferrer, France
8. Richie Howard, Canada
9. Orlando Zulueta, Cuba
10. Joe Lopes, Sacramento, Calif.

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
1. Harold Johnson, Philadelphia
2. Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn
3. Joey Maxim, Cleveland
4. Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, BWI.
5. Willi Hoepner, Germany
6. Paul Andrews, Buffalo, N.Y.
7. Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.
8. Billy Smith, Atlantic City
9. Gerhard Hecht, Germany
10. Eddie Cotton, Seattle, Wash.

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N.Y.
1. Teddy Davis, Hartford, Conn.
2. Percy Bassett, Philadelphia
3. Ray Famechon, France
4. Ciro Morasen, Cuba
5. Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria
6. Rudy Garcia, Los Angeles, Calif.
7. Carmelo Costa, Brooklyn
8. Jean Sneyers, Belgium
9. Billy Kelly, Ireland
10. Orlando Echevarria, Cuba

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
World Champion
Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu
1. Joey Giardello, Philadelphia
2. Charley Humez, France
3. Rocky Castellani, Cleveland
4. Holly Mims, Washington, D.C.
5. Gustav Scholz, Germany
6. Ronnie Delaney, Akron O
7. Eduardo Lausse, Argentina
8. Johnny Sullivan, England
9. Bobby Dykes, Miami, Fla.
10. Gil Turner, Philadelphia

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
World Champion
Robert Cohen, France
1. Raton Macias, Mexico
2. Mario D'Agata, Italy
3. Willie Toweel, South Africa
4. Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium
5. Peter Keenan, Scotland
6. Chamrern Songkitrat, Thailand
7. Hilaire Pratesi, France
8. Bobby Sinn, Australia
9. Andre Valignat, France
10. Billy Peacock, Los Angeles

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
World Champion
Tony DeMarco, Boston
1. Carmen Basilio, Syracuse
2. Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn
3. Vince Martinez, Paterson,
4. Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles
5. Maurice Harper, Oakland
6. Hector Constance, Trinidad, BWI.
7. Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
8. Kid Gavilan, Cuba
9. Chico Vejar, Stamford, Conn.
10. Freddy Dawson, Chicago

**FLYWEIGHTS**
World Champion
Pascual Perez, Argentina
1. Dai Dower, Wales
2. Leo Espinosa, Philippines
3. Yoshio Shirai, Japan
4. Nazzareno Gianelli, Italy
5. Jake Tuli, South Africa
6. Hitoshi Misako, Japan
7. Tanny Campo, Philippines
8. Oscar Suarez, Cuba
9. Danny Kid, Philippines
10. Keeny Teran, San Jose, Cal.

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(AS OF APRIL 1, 1980)

How *The Ring* International Ratings Panel works: Boxing authorities from all five major continents have submitted their ballots—marked from one to ten to indicate their rankings under *The Ring*'s champion—to reflect their evaluation of the relative challengers' positions as of April 1, 1980. Their ballots were then weighted with score of from ten (for a first-placed vote) to one (for a tenth-place vote) and totaled up to provide the final standings. In some instances there are ties, as indicated by the two-way tie for sixth place in the light heavyweight division. After the top ten were tabulated, those other fighters receiving votes were then listed in order, according to the number of votes received, from 11th on.

The names following each division received votes (in order of their listing).

***WBA champion** ****WBC champion**

### HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**LARRY HOLMES****. . . . . Easton, Pa.
1 **Mike Weaver***. . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
2 **John Tate**. . . . . Knoxville, Tenn.
3 **Gerrie Coetzee**. . . . . South Africa
4 **Michael Dokes**. . . . . Akron, Ohio
5 **Gerry Cooney**. . . . . Huntington, N.Y.
6 **Leroy Jones**. . . . . Denver, Colo.
7 **Bernardo Mercado**. . . . . Colombia
8 **Leon Spinks**. . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
9 **Scott LeDoux**. . . . . Minneapolis, Minn.
10 **Jimmy Young**. . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Earnie Shavers, 12. Muhammad Ali, 13. Eddie (Animal) Lopez, 14. Ossie Ocasio, 15. Greg Page, 16. George Chaplin, 17. Mike Koranicki, 18. Randy Mack, 19. Jimmy Abbott, 20. Marty Monroe.

### LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD****Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Eddie Gregory***. . . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
2 **Marvin Johnson**. . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
3 **James Scott**. . . . . Rahway, N.J.
4 **Lotte Mwale**. . . . . Zambia
5 **Michael Spinks**. . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
6 **Marvin Camel**. . . . . Missoula, Mont.
**John Conteh**. . . . . England
8 **Victor Galindez**. . . . . Argentina
9 **Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez**. . . . . Stockton, Cal.
10 **Mustapha Wasajja**. . . . . Denmark

11. Jerry Martin, 12. Mate Parlov, 13. Mike Rossman, 14. Carlos DeLeon, 15. Pablo Ramos, 16. Rudi Koopmans.

### MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**ALAN MINTER**. . . . . England
1 **Marvin Hagler**. . . . . Brockton, Mass.
2 **Vito Antuofermo**. . . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
3 **Ronnie Harris**. . . . . Akron, Ohio
4 **Curtis Parker**. . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
5 **Fulgencio Obel**. . . . . Venezuela
6 **Mustafa Hamsho**. . . . . Syria
7 **Marcos Geraldo**. . . . . Mexico
8 **Dwight Davison**. . . . . Detroit, Mich.
9 **Wilford Scypion**. . . . . Port Arthur, Tex.
10 **Kevin Finnegan**. . . . . England

11. Tony Sibson, 12. David Love, 13. Norberto Cabrera, 14. Loucif Hamani, 15. Gratien Tonna, 16. Charlie Weir, 17. Eddy Melo, 18. Vinnie Curto, 19. Ray Seales, 20. Mike Colbert.

### JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**AYUB KALULE***. . . . . Uganda
1 **Maurice Hope****. . . . . England
2 **Rocky Mattioli**. . . . . Australia
3 **Masashi Kudo**. . . . . Japan
4 **Tony Chiaverini**. . . . . Kansas City, Mo.
5 **Kenny Bristol**. . . . . Guyana
6 **Nick Ortiz**. . . . . Puerto Rico
7 **Steve Delgado**. . . . . Puerto Rico
8 **Manuel R. Gonzalez**. . . . . Argentina
9 **Rocky Mosley, Jr.**. . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
10 **Zeferino Gonzalez**. . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.

11. Marijan Benes, 12. Walter Gomez, 13. Carlos Herrera, 14. Jesus Castro, 15. Steve Gregory, 16. Gert Steyn, 17. Sandy Torres, 18. Bobby Watts, 19. Andoni Amana, 20. Tadashi Mihara.

### WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**RAY LEONARD****. . . . . **Palmer Park, Md.**
1 **Jose (Pipino) Cuevas***. . . . . Mexico
2 **Roberto Duran**. . . . . Panama
3 **Wilfred Benitez**. . . . . Puerto Rico
4 **Thomas Hearns**. . . . . Detroit, Mich.
5 **Pete Ranzany**. . . . . Sacramento, Cal.
6 **Randy Shields**. . . . . N. Hollywood, Cal.
7 **Jorgen Hansen**. . . . . Denmark
8 **Harold Weston**. . . . . New York, N.Y.
9 **David Green**. . . . . England
10 **Josef Nsubuga**. . . . . Uganda

11. Larry Bonds, 12. Adolfo Viruet, 13. Harold Volbrecht, 14. Akio Kameda, 15. Tito Yanni, 16. M Jimenez, 17. J Turner, 18. C Jackson, 19. C Gray, 20. E Azevedo, 21. V Martinez.

### JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**ANTONIO CERVANTES***. . . . . Colombia
1 **Saoul Mamby****. . . . . New York, N.Y.
2 **Esteban DeJesus**. . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Joe Kimpuani**. . . . . Zaire
4 **Miguel Montilla**. . . . . Dominican Rep.
5 **Sang-Hyun Kim**. . . . . Korea
6 **Lennox Blackmoore**. . . . . Guyana
7 **Bruce Curry**. . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
8 **Juan Jose Gimenez**. . . . . Spain
9 **Teo Ozuna**. . . . . Dominican Republic
10 **Willie Rodriguez**. . . . . Allentown, Pa.

11. Monroe Brooks, 12. Hugo Luero, 13. Sammy Ayala, 14. Hugo Rengifo, 15. Larry Stanton, 16. Perico Fernandez.

### LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**
**TITLE VACANT**

1 **Hilmer Kenty***. . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 **Jim Watt****. . . . . Scotland
3 **Howard Davis**. . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
4 **Aaron Pryor**. . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
5 **Ernesto Espana**. . . . . Venezuela
6 **Vilomar Fernandez**. . . . . Dominican Rep.
7 **Edwin Viruet**. . . . . Puerto Rico
8 **Johnny Lira**. . . . . Chicago, Ill.
9 **Claude Noel**. . . . . Trinidad, W.I.
10 **Sean O'Grady**. . . . . Oklahoma City, Okla

11. Julio (Diablito) Valdez, 12. Leonidas Asprilla, 13. Charlie Nash, 14. Herman Montes, 15. Andrew Ganigan, 16. Ken Buchanan, 17. Cornelius Boza-Edwards, 18. Rodolfo "Gato" Gonzalez, 19. Maurice Watkins, 20. Gonzallo Montellano.

### JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**SAMUEL SERRANO***. . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Alexis Arguello****. . . . . Nicaragua
2 **Bobby Chacon**. . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
3 **Frankie Baltazar**. . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
4 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon**. . . . . Mexico
5 **Victor Echegaray**. . . . . Argentina
6 **Roberto Elizondo**. . . . . Corpus Christi, Tex.
7 **Oscar Arnal**. . . . . Venezuela
8 **Idelfonso Bethelmy**. . . . . Venezuela
9 **Greg Coverson**. . . . . Columbus, Ohio
10 **Rodolfo Sanchez**. . . . . Spain

11. Alfredo Escalera, 12. Ruben Riani, 13. Julio (Diablito) Valdez, 14. Pat Ford, 15. Johnny Aba, 16. Rolando Navarette, 17. Arturo Leon, 18. Nkosana Mgxaji, 19. Leonel Hernandez.

### FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**SALVADOR SANCHEZ****. . . . . Mexico
1 **Danny Lopez**. . . . . Alhambra, Calif.
2 **Eusebio Pedroza***. . . . . Panama
3 **Ruben Castillo**. . . . . Bakersfield, Cal.
4 **Mike Ayala**. . . . . San Antonio, Texas
5 **Eddie Ndukwu**. . . . . Nigeria
6 **Juan Malvarez**. . . . . Argentina
7 **Roberto Castanon**. . . . . Spain
8 **Rocky Lockridge**. . . . . Newark, N.J.
9 **Rolando Navarette**. . . . . Philippines
10 **Juan LaPorte**. . . . . New York, N.Y.

11. Carmelo Negron, 12. Hector Carrasquilla, 13. Derrik Holmes, 14. Guillermo Morales, 15. Juan Escobar, 16. Gerald Hayes.

### JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**WILFREDO GOMEZ****. . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Ricardo Cardona***. . . . . Colombia
2 **Leo Cruz**. . . . . Dominican Rep.
3 **Sergio Palma**. . . . . Argentina
4 **Nicky Perez**. . . . . Tucson, Ariz.
5 **Juan (Kid) Meza**. . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
6 **Soon-Hyun Chung**. . . . . Korea
7 **Jose Caba**. . . . . Dominican Rep.
8 **Jose Cervantes**. . . . . Colombia
9 **Nestor (Baba) Jimenez**. . . . . Colombia
10 **Carlos Mendoza**. . . . . Panama

11. Javier Flores, 12. Ruben Valdez, 13. Frankie Duarte, 14. Rocky Lockridge, 15. Chung Soo Hyun, 16. Jose Bautista Flores, 17. Ric Diamale.

### BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**JORGE LUJAN***. . . . . Panama
1 **Lupe Pintor****. . . . . Mexico
2 **Alberto Davila**. . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
3 **Carlos Zarate**. . . . . Mexico
4 **Roberto Rubaldino**. . . . . Mexico
5 **Jeff Chandler**. . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
6 **Leo Randolph**. . . . . Tacoma,Wash
7 **Oscar Muniz**. . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
8 **Alberto Sandoval**. . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
9 **Julian Solis**. . . . . Puerto Rico
10 **Johnny Owen**. . . . . Wales

11. Eddie Logan, 12. Juan Rodriguez, 13. Julio Saba, 14. Alfonso Zamora, 15. Eijira Murata, 16. Ricardo Bennett, 17. Danilo Batista

### FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**CHAN-HEE PARK****. . . . . Korea
1 **Yoko Gushiken**. . . . . Japan
2 **Tae-Shik Kim***. . . . . South Korea
3 **Guty Espadas**. . . . . Mexico
4 **Luis Ibarra**. . . . . Panama
5 **Betulio Gonzalez**. . . . . Venezuela
6 **Charlie Magri**. . . . . England
7 **Sung-Jun Kim**. . . . . Korea
8 **Martin Vargas**. . . . . Chile
9 **Joey Olivo**. . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
10 **Hilario Zapata**. . . . . Panama

11. Jovito Rengifo, 12. Shoji Oguma, 13. Shigeo Nakajima, 14. Antonio Avelar, 15. Willie Jensen, 16. Rey Melendez, 17. Orlando Maldonado, 18. Alberto Morales.

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# FIGHT OF THE MONTH

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***WEAVER-TATE***
***WBA Heavyweight Title***

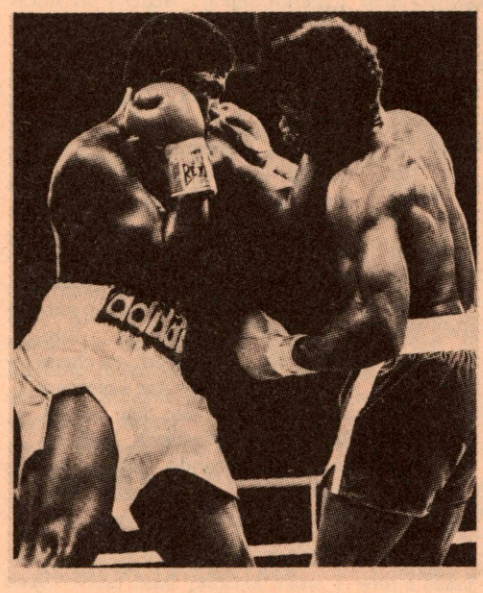
KNOXVILLE, TENN. — IN 1872, Jules Verne wrote a best-selling book entitled *Around the World In 80 Days,* in which the protagonist, Phileas Fogg, won a bet by going around the earth in 80 days and walking into the Explorer's Club at the twelfth stroke of the clock on the 80th day to win his bet.

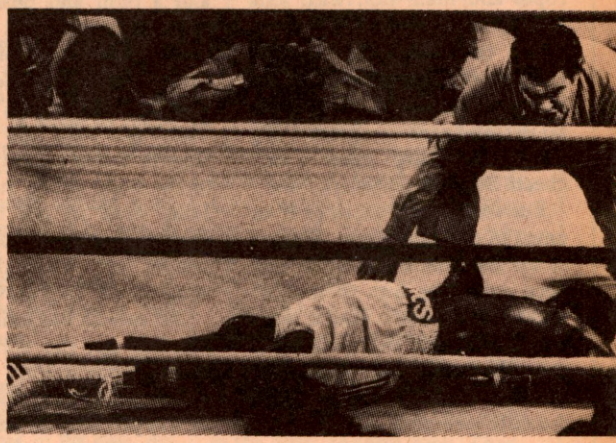
No one in the intervening 108 years has ever come closer to winning — or losing — than Phileas Fogg. No one, that is, until Mike Weaver, who, with less than one minute to go landed a left hook, which he said he "felt right down to his toes," that separated John Tate from his senses, his WBA championship and a $7 million contract against Muhammad Ali.

Tate had entered the ring a prohibitive favorite, both in the betting odds and in the hearts of his local fans, who turned the entire weekend in Knoxville into a homecoming party for their favorite son. Signs sprung up on hillsides overlooking the Tennessee River like crocuses proclaiming, "Welcome to Knoxville, Home of Big John Tate, Heavyweight Champion of the World." And nowhere was to be heard a discouraging word about the man who had won the WBA championship with a plodding 15-round decision over South Africa's Gerrie Coetzee last October 20th.

The 13,769 fans crammed into the 13,000-seat University of Tennessee Stokely Center had turned the evening into a cross between a college pep rally and religious revival, continually chanting "Big John Tate, Big John Tate," to the staccato beat of drums from the U of T band, making it the greatest day in Knoxville since the "Big Orange" won the 1951 National Football Championship.

(BOTTOM, FAR RIGHT) "THE REF. COULD HAVE COUNTED TO A HUNDRED," AS THE CLICHED STATEMENT GOES.





For, wasn't Tate the heavyweight champion? The undefeated battler-brawler who had brought his adopted town of 150,000-plus lasting fame in the sports world? And didn't every Billy Joe and Bobby Jack in the audience know that Big John Tate was one of their own, even to the point of wearing a T-shirt at the weigh-in the previous day proclaiming to one and all "Thank God I'm a Country Boy?" This was to be his night — and theirs.

His opponent on this night of nights? Mike Weaver, a man whose record was an unspectacular 22-9 and whose losses numbered a knockout loss to Larry Holmes and a loss via decision to Leroy Jones. And everyone knew that Tate was on the verge of a multi-million dollar payday against Muhammad Ali and he was not going to jeopardize his new title with an opponent who could beat him, anyway. Mike Weaver was just that, "an opponent" — even if he was a name opponent — everyone figured,

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and they all sat back to watch one of their good ol' boys whup up on him.

And for the first three rounds it looked like their hopes were justified as Tate came straight in on Weaver, bulling him around the ring, intimidating him and sticking him with his tree-like left, following up with ponderous rights first to the face and then to the body. By round four Weaver had begun to move more and had found his own left, using it to try to keep Tate from mauling him into the ropes and leaning on him.

Five and six followed the same pattern with Weaver getting off first, but Tate countering with right-hand leads. Now Weaver, who was to admit afterwards that he was "tight" during the opening rounds, began finding Tate with his right as well, cutting him in the fourth around the eye and driving him back in the fifth.

By the seventh Tate had reestablished his mastery and was using his 24½-pound weight advantage (232 to Weaver's 207½) to push his lighter, if no-less muscular, opponent into the ropes and maul him with lefts and rights.

For the next four rounds, through the eleventh, Tate was in total command, piling up points, and generating new "Big John Tate, Big John Tate" cheers from the partisan crowd.

But then in the 12th, as if an omen of things to come, Weaver threw the punch his corner had been exhorting him to find all night, his left hook. And it landed, squarely on Big John's big jaw. He sagged backwards into the rope with Weaver in close pursuit, swinging wildly. Tate held on as the cheers increased in crescendo, "Big John Tate, Big John Tate," and Weaver measured his suddenly immobile opponent, throwing an uppercut that landed, a right behind the head and another left that caught Tate again. As Tate stood with his back to the ropes and his knees locked, the bell rang and it looked for all the world — and especially to those from Knoxville — as if the storm had been weathered and that all was right with the world again.

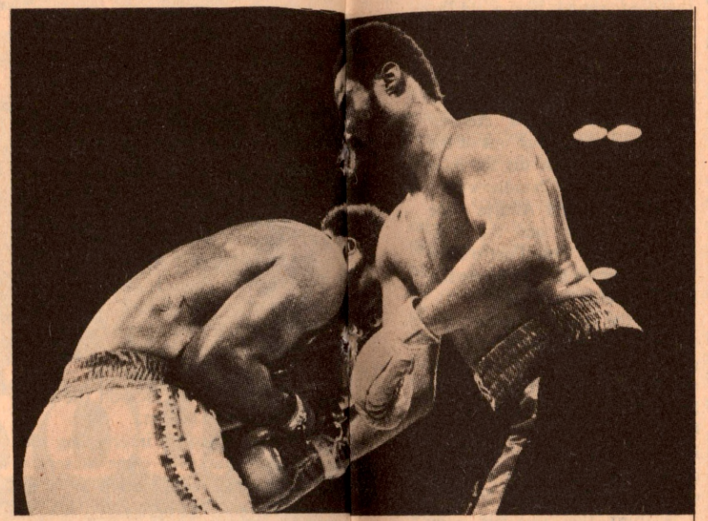
Then came the fateful 15th. And, with their respective corners hollering in their ears, "Don't trade punches with the sonuvabitch" and "Your mother's here, let's go to work," the two warriors went out to do battle for the final three minutes. The three officials' cards all had Tate ahead, 138-133, 137-134 and 136-133, so nothing short of a knockout would win it for Weaver now; and that's what he had in mind. Weaver connected with a right, then a left hook, and another, staggering Tate. An overhand right again hurt Tate, followed by a hard left hook. But Tate rallied, throwing a left and right and held on, eating up precious seconds. They mauled on the ropes, Tate throwing a right and Weaver a left, clinch and are broken up by the referee. Then, with less than a minute left to go in the fight, Weaver threw a left to the body and a right and pushed an exhausted Tate back into the ropes. The force of Weaver's thrust, plus the accelerated ricochet off the ropes, propelled Tate right back into Weaver as Weaver threw a paralyzing right to the body which stopped Big John dead in his big tracks. Weaver then threw one picture-perfect left hook that landed squarely on Tate's jaw.

One second Big John Tate was standing up, the WBA champ, less than one minute away from retaining his title; and the next he was pitching forward, unconscious from the force of the blow, the soon-to-be-ex-heavyweight champion of the world. As he falls past Weaver, the challenger-soon-to-be-champion lands a right to his temple for good luck and misses with yet another. But it made no never mind, as Tate fell straight down, nose to canvas in, as classic a knockout fall as ever graced the screen.

Referee Ernesto Magana began his count. It was as useless a gesture as ever was made in a ring. Tate was out. Cold. And would hear neither 10, nor 100, nor 1,000, for that matter. As it became evident that Tate would neither rise, nor move a muscle, Mike Weaver started his own victory dance, culminating in a backward flip, which he never completed, being "too tired to roll over." The referee tugged at the inert form of the ex-champion, trying to roll over 232 pounds of dead weight, ABC's truck hollered into Keith Jackson's earpiece to "get an interview with Tate" and Tate's manager, Ace Miller, climbed into the ring, carrying the neatly pressed red robe he had intended to place around the shoulders of his victorious champion just 45 seconds later, hands on hips in a "What-the-hell happened, anyway" posture.

What had happened was that the clock had tolled twelve; that John Tate's WBA championship had turned into a pumpkin; that his reign, the shortest in the history of the heavyweight division, had ended; and that the pep rally and revival meeting had turned into Knoxville's nightmare. John Tate was now their ex-champion and their one moment in the boxing sun had ended. And Mike Weaver's had begun, 45 seconds before the final bell, the closest call since Phileas Fogg had conquered his world.

*BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR*



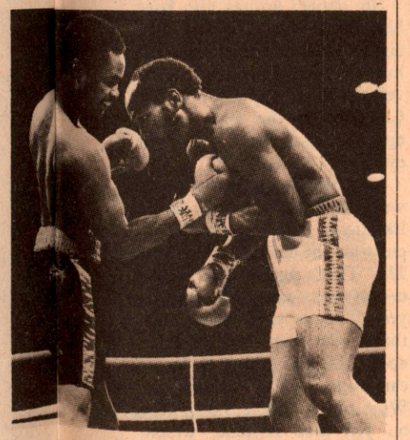
***GREGORY-JOHNSON***
***WBA Light Heavyweight Title***

BROOKLYN'S EDDIE GREGORY, who began his professional career as a tall, rangy middleweight in 1972, won the WBA light heavyweight championship with an impressive, workman-like 11th-round technical knockout of Indianapolis' Marvin Johnson.

Johnson was undefeated in 15 bouts — 12 by knockout — when he stepped into the ring in Philadelphia's Spectrum to face Matthew Franklin in July, 1977. Johnson left the ring a loser for the first time, stopped in the 12th round. But his courageous performance was one fans will not soon forget.

Winning six of his next seven bouts — he dropped an eight-round decision to Lotte Mwale in June, 1978 — Johnson was matched against WBC champion and fellow southpaw Mate Parlov in December 1978. In a brilliant performance, Johnson won the title by halting Parlov in the 10th round.

Instead of making title defenses against a series of lesser opponents, Johnson chose the man whom had stopped him, Matthew Franklin, to be his first title challenger. Franklin, who was then being called by his Muslim name, Matthew Saad Muhammad, won the WBC title from Johnson by stopping him in the eighth round of one of the most thrilling fights in light heavyweight history.



Seven months after losing his WBC crown, Johnson was back in the role of challenger, this time against WBA kingpin Victor Galindez. A one-sided performance on November 30, 1979, made Johnson a champion again.

Like his first reign as titleholder, Johnson's second reign lasted just over four months. And like that first reign, no easy challenger stood before him in his first defense.

Eddie Gregory has had the tools, talent and power to become champion since he turned professional in 1972. He is one of the hardest punchers in light heavyweight history, and slips punches the way few big men (he is 6'½") ever could. Yet, he has been a disappointment to those who have followed him. Eddie Gregory has been his own worst enemy.

The worst night of Gregory's career occurred on October, 12, 1978. On that date in Rahway Prison, Gregory expected to use unbeaten inmate James Scott as a punching bag, as well as a stepping stone to a title fight against then-WBA champion Mike Rossman. Taking the unheralded Scott lightly, Gregory had his left eye punched close, his ego deflated and his title hopes shattered as Scott won the 12-round decision. Easily.

"Washed up at 26," was the consensus about Gregory. "No heart. Take the fight to him, throw punches back and he'll quit."

Gregory, 174, set out to show all the critics that they were wrong. A Muslim, Gregory turned to his religion for strength. He also turned to the gym for conditioning. In 1979, Gregory stayed active, waiting for his chance to fight for the title again. He won six fights during the year; all of them easily, five by knockout. Finally, the call came from Bob Arum. He had a deal. Arum offered Gregory $60,000 to sign for a fight against Johnson. The contract called for Gregory to make three defenses for Top Rank, Inc., Arum's promotional firm, should he be victorious against Johnson. Arum also offered Gregory a flat $25,000. No options, no anything. Saying "Slavery is dead," Gregory chose to fight for $25,000 "and be free to go where I choose."

In the title fight, the place Gregory chose to go was Johnson's body. While head punches show their damage almost immediately, body punches don't begin to show their effects until the later rounds of a fight. You can see a cut eye or a bloody nose, but you can't see broken ribs, and aching muscles.

For five rounds, Gregory slammed his best punches against Johnson's body. They were punches that weakened the foundation on which Johnson's championship lay. Many times Johnson grunted as Gregory's hooks slammed against his right side and right uppercuts drilled his midsection.

Gregory began his assault upon Johnson's body in the first round. As Johnson came out fast, looking to put a few dents in Gregory's chin, the challenger began wacking away with left hooks to the champion's side getting in under the southpaw-champion's raised right elbow. Round two followed the same pattern, except that Gregory began to use his right to the body, as well as his hook.

With less than one minute gone in round three, Gregory cracked a hard left hook off the champion's ribs. Johnson groaned. Moments later, a right to the head and a powerful hook to the body had Johnson reeling. Another right to the head dropped him. He was up almost immediately and stalked by a cautious Gregory who explained later, "I knew I had him. Why get careless and get nailed trying to finish him off? A guy like Johnson is dangerous when he's hurt. I just took my time, wore him down and finished him off."

Gregory slowed his pace in rounds six through nine. He allowed Johnson to move in and throw punches, a move he hoped would wear the champion down. His hopes were fulfilled.

A clash of heads opened a cut alongside Gregory's right eye in round five, but it was a cut Gregory said, "Never concerned me at all," despite the fact that it bled continuously.

In the final moments of round nine, a hard right to the chin hurt Johnson. He returned to his corner with a dazed look in his eyes. Another right hand shook him up in the opening minute of round 10. Still, Gregory proceeded with caution. He was waiting for his opportunity. With 10 seconds remaining in round 10, a cannonball of a right hand to the body bent Johnson over. He survived the round, but the fight, was over.

With just over one minute to go in round 11, a right to the chin stunned Johnson. He continued to fight back gamely until caught with a left hook to the head with 26 seconds remaining. A flurry of some one dozen blows rained upon the tired, battered champion's head, and at 2:43 of round 11, referee Carlos Berrocal stepped in, making Eddie Gregory the fourth WBA light heavyweight champion in 18 months.

Irvin Hines, 169½, Salem, N.C., stopped Ed Smith, 176, Charlotte, N.C., in the second round of their scheduled eight-round curtain-rauser.

Dwain Bonds, 207, Detroit, Mich., won a split decision over Walter Santemore, 220, New Orleans, La., six.

Clint Jackson, 147, Nashville, Tenn., went to 6-0 with a ninth round TKO over Jimmy Heair, Memphis veteran, in the latter's 101st fight. The referee stopped the bout at 2:09 after Heair had taken a hard right to the body that left him Defenseless. Heair was also bleeding from cuts by the eyes.

*RANDY GORDON*

***CONTEH-MUHAMMAD***

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — "*. . . I said something's wrong, now I long for yesterday.*" The Beatles

This time, there was no butt, no blood, no illegal substances, no controversy. This time there was only destruction, swift and merciless.

John Conteh surely must long for yesterday.

Last August 18, Conteh climbed into the ring at Resorts International Hotel in Atlantic City, looking to dethrone Matthew Saad Muhammad, who was making his first defense of the WBC title.

Going into the 14th round, he was still ahead on points, but not by much. He had allowed a badly-gashed Muhammad, cut above the left eye by a butt early in the fight, to come back. Then,

in Round 14, Conteh moved to his right, away from an amateurish right uppercut. As he did, he walked into a very professional left hook. Suddenly, he was down.

In the seven months that passed, only Conteh knows what happened within his own body, within his own mind. Perhaps he did too much partying. Perhaps he watched the film of that 14th round too much.

If Conteh was a different fighter this time around, put some of the blame on Muhammad. He too, was different. He was a keg of animosity, fired up by the WBC, ready to explode on the Britisher's chin. The animosity stemmed from the fact that the WBC had ordered the rematch because of an alleged illegal substance (according to WBC officials) applied to Muhammad's cuts during his initial encounter with Conteh. The WBC also ordered a 55-45 per cent split in the purse money between champion and challenger, a split that left Muhammad seething.

The Conteh camp helped anger Muhammad even more by making him trim down to 175 the very day of the fight.

"All of these things that have happened only make me want to end this as soon as I can," said Muhammad in his room one hour before the fight. "I can't see this ending any way other than by a knockout in my favor. You will see a different me out there today."

The champion was indeed different. From the opening bell he was in command. He threw the first punch of the fight, a left jab, add the last punch of the fight, a left hook, and nearly every punch in between.

After getting caught with a double jab in Round Two, Muhammad grinned broadly. Moments later, after getting tagged with a left hook to the head, he grinned even wider. Then he quickly stepped in with a hard right to the head that made Conteh blink.

Muhammad's confidence and attack grew in Round Three. Conteh's dwindled. The champion was landing first and landing harder. His punches to the head had Conteh squinting.

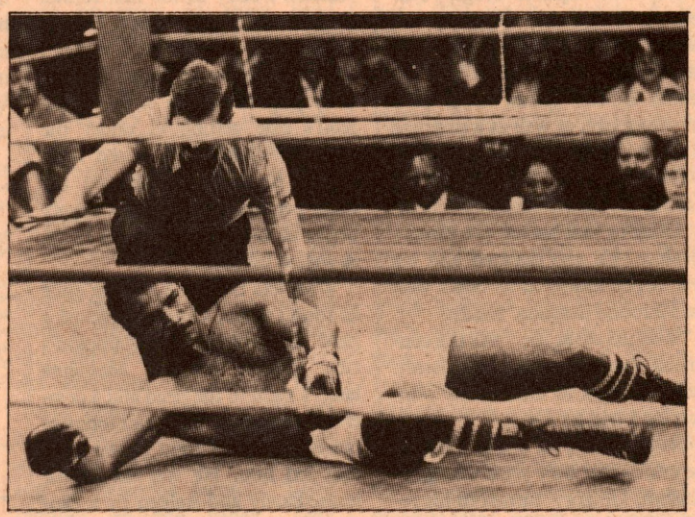
Then came the stunning fourth round. Without warning, a right that seemed to land behind the Britisher's head and a short left hook to the face dropped Conteh on his back. He narrowly beat the count of Mexican referee Octavio Muyran. Conteh retreated as the hungry champion stalked him. Moments later, a right and a left sent him down again. Staring blankly at the ceiling, Conteh rolled over and clutched at the ropes, then pulled himself to his feet at eight.

Muhammad rushed across the ring, dropping Conteh a third time with a left that landed high on the head. Up at four, the former titleholder took a mandatory eight-count from referee Muyran.

Instead of fighting back, holding on or running, Conteh merely moved to the ropes, covered his head with his arms and awaited execution. A flurry of blows sent him down a fourth time.

He took another mandatory eight-count upon rising. There was still 45 seconds remaining in the round. Backing to the ropes one more time, Conteh's face was etched with fear and bewilderment. An excited, overanxious Muhammad threw a volley of blows at Conteh, most of them missing. One powerful hook blasted through Conteh's defense and off the top of his head. It told him enough was enough. The only way to escape the onslaught of blows was to head for the floor. He did just that, then arose at five. Muyran had seen enough, and closed the book on John Conteh's boxing life.

*RANDY GORDON*



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***CHANDLER-HERNANDEZ***
***USBA Bantamweight Title***

"JOLTIN' JEFF CHANDLER IS the best bantamweight in the world; and he's the next champ."

So said Chandler's sparkplug manager, K. O. Becky O'Neill, after Jeff's unanimous decision over Andres Hernandez in defense of his United States Boxing Association and North American Boxing Federation bantamweight titles. But Chandler was not in the best of moods. He was plainly disgusted with the way Hernandez had made a farce of their 12-rounder in support of the Muhammad-Conteh bout.

Hernandez had come out in the first round like a 117½-pound edition of Luis Firpo, as he attempted to force Chandler to the ropes and knock him out fast. He didn't know Chandler. Jeff, 116½, blocked Andres' punches neatly, spun out of the corners, and made his foe miss like an amateur. Chandler's famed left jab found Andres' face time after time, and the frustrated "Pupy" from Puerto Rico was warned for hitting below the belt by referee Paul Venti.

With the second round a copy of the first (and Chandler more aggressive), Andres changed his tactics in the third. He crouched low, dug his face into Jeff's body, and hung on — often bulling the U.S. champ halfway around the ring after the ref would holler "break!"

"I think that was his only fight," said Chandler.

Not quite. Andres also used his head, especially after the eighth round, when Chandler hurt him and had him on the verge of a knockout. He butted Chandler in the 10th round, opening a gash above Jeff's right eye.

The British press at ringside were appalled by what looked like tissue paper on Chandler's cut when he came out for round 11. "That's against the rules," one of them gasped. In Britain, yes. (They're strict about such things over there — adrenalin is about the only thing a corner can really use.) In America, no! What cutman Eddie Aliano used on Jeff was Avitene, which, when applied, looks like cotton candy (or tissue paper, which it's not). It is nowhere near as thick, nor as crusty, as the Surgisel that was applied to the cuts of Sonny Liston when he lost his title back in 1964.

The gash made Chandler mad. In the 12th round, he finally put Andres down, and the exhausted, beaten Andres held on for dear life. He practically buried his face in Chandler's trunks and grasped him around

the middle, as much in an effort to stay up as to avoid further punishment. Chandler managed to shake him off twice, and Hernandez hit the canvas on both occasions. The crowd was screaming for a kayo, but the bell came to the Puerto Rican's rescue.

The scoring was as follows: referee Venti, 9-2-1; judge William Kostrub, 8-4; judge Eva Shain, 9-3, all for Chandler; and all reflecting the one-sidedness of the fight. Hernandez, whom the WBC had rated number 11 in the world, was pitiful. He's now 27-6 with 10 kayoes.

The Chandler camp now has its eyes on WBC bantamweight champ Lupe Pintor. Jeff, now 21-0-1 with nine knockouts, says he's ready to fight any bantamweight in the world. And, with his intelligent boxing and recently uncovered punch, he should give any 118-poudner trouble. He may even hit the jackpot.

Mustafa Hamsho, 162, Brooklyn, TKO'd Reggie Jones, 160¼, Newark, six. (Jones was unable to answer the bell for round seven of the scheduled 10-rounder.) Dwight Braxton, 178, Camden, N.J., TKO'd Cornell Chavis, 177¾, New York, at 1:12 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Ken ("The Hatchet Man") Carpenter, 129¾, Upper Darby, Pa., knocked out Confessor Rosales, 132¾, Puerto Rico, in 2:34 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Milo Salvage refereed Braxton-Chavis and Carpenter-Rosales. Paul Venti handled Hamsho-Jones.

Timekeeper — Justin Bucchianico.

— *HERBERT G. GOLDMAN*

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***HOLMES-JONES***
**WBC Heavyweight Title**

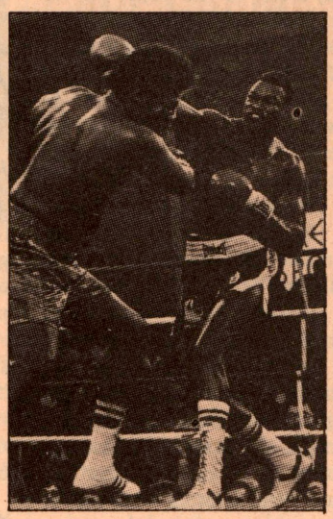
LAS VEGAS NEV. — LARRY Holmes slew giant Leroy Jones in a title massacre that lasted into 2:56 of the eight round, thus piling up victory number 34 in his unbeaten streak and his sixth straight title knockout in defense of his WBC World Heavyweight Title.

Holmes, at 211, was undaunted by Jones, who weighed a ponderous 254½ and looked to be sorely in need of a maidenform. He came out swinging at the opening bell, taunting Jones with his flicking left jabs.

Larry's prime weapon, his long left jab, was in constant evidence throughout the fight. But, in the early rounds, Jones proved that he, too, had a good left jab.

Jones came on in the second round, chasing Holmes around the ring, hitting him with some strong, long lefts. The Champion retaliated with his own lefts, with searing uppercuts, and with fierce combinations.

The third round saw back and forth action, as the fighters continued to feel each other out. Holmes maneuvered Jones to the ropes, working constantly



with his left jab. Jones managed some impressive left-right combinations; and had Holmes on the ropes as the bell sounded to end the round.

The fourth round saw an exchange of combinations with Larry dealing his opponent long lefts and slapping rights to the head. Jones countered with the same strategy — a left jab and slapping rights.

It was more of the same in the fifth and sixth rounds. But by now, Jones' mammoth frame began to show evidence of tiring; and he began to miss with many of his attempted lefts and combinations.

Holmes took control in the seventh and, by the end of the round the end was evident, as Holmes came on with his long left jab to Jones' head. Leroy countered with shots to Larry's mid-section, but a strong Holmes' combination staggered the contender.

Holmes came out for the eighth round taunting his opponent and then backed up his verbal abuse with physical abuse, staggering Jones with lefts to the head. Holmes maneuvered the hulking Jones into a corner where he pounded him with an incessant flurry of combinations.

The onslaught left Leroy Jones totally defenseless, unable to counter his opponent's punches. Referee Richard Greene stopped the bout at 2:56 of the 8th.

Jones, in suffering his first defeat in 26 fights, was a bruised and bloodied fighter after the bout. He declared that he had suffered from a severe case of bronchitis for the two weeks before the bout, and had wanted to pull out of the fight.

"You can ask Don King," said the dejected Jones. "He came to Denver to see me and I was sick. But he said I couldn't pull out of this title fight because he was giving me my big chance!"

Jones continued: "But I fought my heart out for the condition I was in. And I hurt him with every right I threw in the 4th, 5th and 6th rounds. I went real good for seven rounds, but by the eighth, I just didn't have the strength to go on. My punches were getting slow; and I was getting tired."

Jones then declared that Holmes was a "good" fighter — but a "dirty" fighter.

"Larry Holmes has to be stopped," said Jones. "He was thumbing me and lacing me; and he almost hurt me very badly. He hurt Earnie Shavers very badly with the same dirty tactics. And he's used them against every man he's fought in the ring."

"They say his main weapon is his long left jab. Well, that ain't true. His main ammunition is his thumbs and his laces!"

The victorious Larry Holmes refuted the defeated challenger's statement with: "I ain't a dirty fighter like Leroy Jones says. I'm a great fighter. And there ain't no heavyweight in the world that can beat me!"

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***CAMEL-PARLOV***
**WBC Cruiserweight Title**

MARVIN CAMEL, OF MISSOULA, Montana, emerged as the world's first Cruiserweight champion as he took a 15-round unanimous decision over Mate Parlov of Yugoslavia, a trivia fact no boxing fan worth his salt should forget.

The title bout was a rematch of the one held last December in Parlov's native Yugoslavia, which had ended in a controversial draw.

But this time, at Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion, it was Marvin Camel, the American Indian who, at 185¾, scored the victory over the 189-pound Parlov. This time decisively.

The two southpaws fought a blood-and-guts battle for the full 15 rounds. Their faces, their trunks, and the ring canvas was soaked with blood from the fourth round on. But the intense action made the bout a fight fan's dream.

It was Parlov who took the offensive in the first three rounds, hitting Camel with stunning lefts and rights.

Camel fought with his unorthodox strategy of standing back, then lunging in at his opponent.

Camel was still feeling out his opponent in the fourth round when Parlov opened a gash near his right ear.

The cut probably made Camel's Indian blood boil; and prompted him to become the aggressor in the fifth round.

Most fans thought the fight was closer than indicated on the

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judges score cards. But the scoring was for Camel all the way as Judge Angelo Toletti, of Italy, scored it 149-141; Jose Guerra of Mexico had it 148-141; and Judge Harold Buck of Las Vegas saw the fight a closer 144-141.

### *ARGUELLO-HAYES*

ALEXIS ARGUELLO, THE World Junior Lightweight Champion, is known as the master of the knockout. Few felt that Arguello would take 10 rounds to score a victory over little-known Gerald Hayes of Newark, New Jersey.

But the game little Hayes gave Arguello — and the fight fans — more than they had bargained for; as he lasted the full ten rounds against the mighty Nicaraguan.

The non-title bout was the card opener on the Larry Holmes-Leroy Jones Heavyweight Title Card at Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion.

Hayes, at 131, matched Arguello, 131½, in weight, but gave up nearly four inches in height.

Hayes tried to force the action in the first round, using his shorter height to work with overhand lefts.

But, from the second round on it was all Arguello, with Hayes's battle plan calling for survival. Nothing more.

The scoring in Arguello's unanimous decision read: Judge Dalby Shirley, 98-92; Judge Lou Tabat, 98-92; and Judge Dave Moretti, 97-93. The referee was Mills Lane, of Reno, Nevada.

### *HEARNS-VALDEZ*

THOMAS HEARNS ONCE again proved the merit of his nickname "Hit Man" when he demolished Santiago Valdez at 2:56 of the first round of a scheduled 10-round preliminary on the Larry Holmes — Leroy Jones Heavyweight title card at Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion.

Hearns, the 149-pound dynamo from Detroit, scored his 27th straight victory — his 25th by KO — against the hapless Sanchez, 147½, of Hamilton, Ohio.

Sanchez swung once at the opening bell — and missed. And then Hearns took over. He sent Sanchez immediately to the canvas, by way of a hard left-double right combination. Sanchez got to his feet, where he was given a standing 8-count. No sooner was the 8-count over than Hearns moved in again with the speed of a cobra — "The Motor City Cobra." With a hard left, he sent Sanchez down for a second time, and referee Joey Curtis stopped the fight at 2:56 of the first round.

Marvin Stinson — 211½, Philadelphia — who works as Larry Holmes's sparring partner, scored an impressive victory on the undercard of his bosses' title match, by scoring a TKO over Eddie Wilson, 210, out of Los Angeles.

Stinson swarmed over Wilson for two full rounds inflicting a beating so severe that Wilson was unable to answer the bell for the third round.

It was Wilson's first loss in seven pro bouts, but he was deemed out-of-shape by the Nevada State Athletic Commission and put on indefinite suspension.

The bout, scheduled for eight rounds, was refereed by Joey Curtis. The five-bout card was presented by Don King Productions, in association with Caesars Palace and was televised by ABC.

Attendance: 1,686. Receipts: $200,350

*SHIRLEY NORMAN*

### *LEONARD-GREEN*
### *World Welterweight Title*

LANDOVER, MD. — FORGET about Sugar Ray Leonard becoming one of the greatest fighters of all-time. Forget it. He *is* one of the greatest fighters of all-time — right now.

Leonard was absolutely devastating as he unleashed a four-punch combination to knock out British challenger Dave (Boy) Green in 2:27 of the fourth round. Green went down hard — knocked out cold, although the bout was originally deemed as ending in a TKO since referee Arthur Mercante had stopped the count at six to remove David's mouthpiece. The verdict was rightfully changed to a clean knockout moments later.

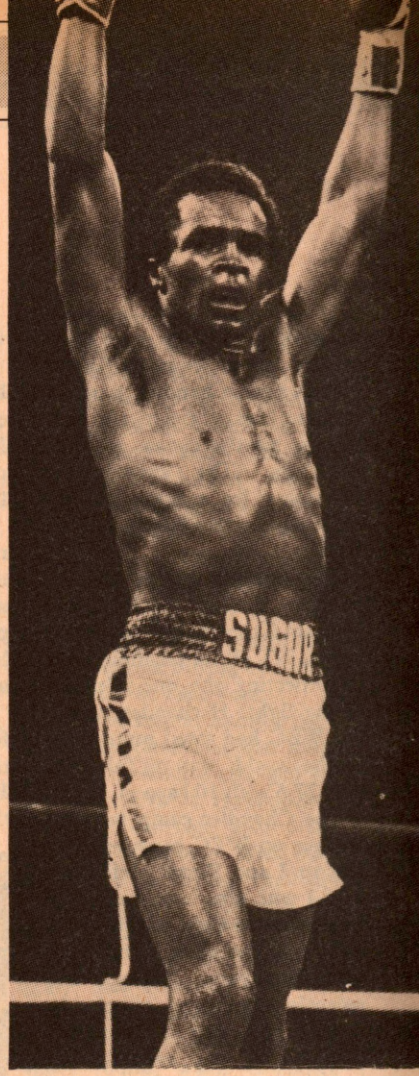
David's greatest moments were not in the contest; they came just before it. Standing jowl-to-jowl with Leonard he pushed his face — and mouthpiece — up defiantly, just under the champion's chin.

The tough-kid-wantsa-fight routine did not help Green against the superb skills of Leonard. Sugar Ray opened up the fight by moving slowly 'round the ring, his hands ready to block Green's shots when they came. Dave-Boy's first punch, a left, missed, Leonard's first, a left to the body, got in, but it caused no damage. Then a good left hook by Ray got home and four left jabs got in — with no return. A fifth got home to David's face. It was obvious, before the round was out, that Ray was simply in there looking for the best openings to shoot home his famed combinations. He even had time to practice a full "Ali Shuffle," and the crowd at the Capital Centre went wild.

In the second round, Ray all but let himself get "trapped" along the ropes. Even there, the Englishman could not do any damage. A series of blistering combos by Sugar Ray near the round's end foretold what was to come.

The third round looked like a repetition of the second, Ray waiting for Green to make his move, and open himself up for the inevitable Leonard knockout.

The fatal fourth saw Green press the attack more heavily. He had to, but, in so doing, left himself open for more Leonard combos. Sugar Ray threw punches from everywhere — here a right landing on the side of David's face, there a left to the head and everywhere a jab, a jab. The round had gone over a minute and a quarter when a blistering right-left-right-left combo (one punch missing) sent Green down. Hard. He wasn't




getting up. The count had gone to six when ref Mercante stopped it.

It took some moments before Green came to. His first words? "f-----' well what happened?"

What happened was a *tour-de-force* by Leonard. Duran? He'd be safer fighting Alan Minter.

Derrick Holmes, 122¾, New Carrollton, Md., knocked out southpaw Isaac Vega, 121½, Chicago, in 2:41 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Harry Cecchini, referee.

George Williams, 204, Washington, D.C., kayoed "Indian Chief" Quinnie Locklear, 189¼, Baltimore, in 0:27 of the second in a scheduled four. Terry Moore, referee.

Roger "The Dodger" Leonard, 149½, Palmer Park, Md. (Ray's elder brother), won unanimous decision over Johnny Gant, also 149½, Washington, D.C., eight. Joe Bunsa, referee. Harry Cecchini and Terry Moore, judges.

Des Morrison, 140, Chatteris, England, TKO'd Otis Hooper, also 140, Palmer Park, Md., at 2:33 of the third round in a scheduled four. Tom Kelly, referee.

Judges for Leonard-Green — Larry Barrett, Harry Gibbs

Timekeeper — Phil Mattingly

Knockdown Timer — Earl Clemons

*HERBERT G. GOLDMAN*

### *CUEVAS-VOLBRECHT*
### WBA Welterweight Title

HOUSTON, TEXAS — JOSE (Pipino) Cuevas, the WBA

world welterweight champion, is a rather somber young man in the ring and out, preferring to let his fists do the talking instead. In his 11th title defense, which took place before an enthusiastic crowd of his supporters at the Astro Arena (and a nationwide TV audience in both the United States and Mexico), Harold Volbrecht, the WBA's fifth-ranked challenger (he's unranked by either *the Ring* or the WBC), got this message loud and clear in the fifth round: "Make a mistake, and Pipino will make you pay."

Volbrecht, 146¾, a southpaw from Johannesburg, South Africa, had fought a surprisingly aggressive battle through the first three rounds, even rocking Cuevas twice with crisp left hooks. By round four, however, Cuevas, 146½, was reaching him with hard shots to the body, and it seemed just a matter of time before the expected Cuevas knockout victory became a reality.

Round five saw them exchange jabs in midring, and then Volbrecht made his first — and only — major mistake of the bout. Volbrecht attempted to throw a sweeping right hook while he was slightly off balance due to a Cuevas body punch. Pipino, ducking inside of this wildly thrown hook, crashed home a vicious left to Harold's chin. The shot, a cross between a hook and an uppercut, sent the challenger stumbling backwards, down on his left side, and out. Referee Carlos Berrocal finished the 10-count at 1:19 of the round.

Maurice (Termite) Watkins, 143, Houston, kayoed Sammy Rookard, 144½, Spartanburg, S.C., in 2:05 of the fourth round. Morris Mohlaoi, 149, South Africa, knocked out Arturo Guzman, 146½, Mexico, in 1:06 of the fourth. Ramon Gonzalez, 140, McAllen, Texas, won unanimous decision over Julio Mendez, 135¾, Mexico, 10. George (Carpintiro) Zuniga, 135½, Houston, won unanimous decision over Arturo Munoz, 134, Houston, four.

Preliminary officials — Mark Tessman, Chris Jordan, referees; Bill Yaeger, Bob Martin, judges.

Judges for Cuevas-Volbrecht — Chris Jordan of Houston and Joe Bunsa of Washington, D.C.

Timekeepers — Virgil Reichart and Woody Meyers

Commissioner — Henry Villagomez

*C. A. JACKSON*

### *MINTER-ANTUOFERMO*
### *World Middleweight Title*

LAS VEGAS, NEV. — ENGland's Alan Minter trekked across the Atlantic ocean to fight for the glory of old England and for the undisputed world middleweight title — at Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion.

Minter took the vaunted prize from reigning champion Vito Antuofermo; and brought the British Isles their first world title in over 60 years.

Minter, at 159¾, and Antuofermo, at 158¾, treated fans to a classic 15-round brawl — with surprising results.

Antuofermo, known as a brawler and a mauler, gave away the first five rounds, fighting Minter's bout and allowing the Englishman to use his reach advantage and his streaking, straight right jabs.

Alan Minter was able to land an impressive series of combinations and uppercuts all through the first five rounds.

It was not until the sixth round that Antuofermo showed the aggression that won him the middleweight title last June. He came onto Minter with crushing combinations and brutal straight shots to the head.

In the seventh round, Antuofermo shot a left-right combination that rolled Minter's head from side to side.

Antuofermo, charging like a bull in the eighth round, crashed Minter into the ropes and pummeled him with a series of strong left hooks.

Minter countered at every opportunity, landing some fierce combinations to the champion's head and midsection.

Minter received considerable help from referee Carlos Padilla, who broke the fighters each time Antuofermo attempted his classic style of fighting inside. The frustrated champion managed several shots after the breaks; and one in the ninth round opened a serious cut over Minter's right eye.

In the 10th round, Antuofermo chased Minter across the ring and caught him with a bruising shot to the side of the head.

A straight Minter jab in the 11th round opened a cut under Vito's left eye. However, there was no serious damage; and the champion remained unscathed for the rest of the fight.

Both Minter and Antuofermo have a history of cutting easily; but their title bout was not the blood bath that many expected.

Minter's right eye, however, was showing visible damage by the 12th round; and Antuofermo began working to the cut. The Englishman's eye was nearly swollen shut after a brutal left hook by Antuofermo.

The Minter camp had hastily summoned veteran cutman Jackie McCoy from Los Angeles two days before the fight; and it was McCoy's artistry that closed the cut and reduced the swelling and bleeding.

It was toe-to-toe in the 12th and 13th rounds; with the Champion desperately trying to fight inside and the Challenger hooking and jabbing with his classic southpaw style.

The only knockdown of the fight came in the 14th round, as Minter hit the canvas by way of an Antuofermo straight right. Minter was on his feet in seconds and later refused to acknowledge the knockdown.

"It was just a slip," said the British boxer. "A rerun of the action will prove it was just a slip!"

The 15th and final round was a free-for-all brawl, with each fighter desperately attempting to win the round that might decide the fight.

Vito charged at his opponent with full fury, while Minter countered with constant lefts and rights.

When the bout was over, it was Alan Minter who emerged as the new world middleweight champion by way of a controversial split decision.

Judge Charles Minker of Las Vegas scored the fight 144-141 for Minter; while Judge Ldaslad Sanchez of Venezuela gave the fight to Antuofermo, 145-143.

But it was the scoring of the English judge, Roland Dakin, that made the decision a disaster. Dakin, obviously partial to his countryman, scored 149 to 137 in favor of Minter.

The victory for Minter and the people of England was somewhat dampened by the intentional partisan scoring. WBC President Jose Sulaiman, angrily declared that Dakin would be suspended indefinitely as a judge.

Cornelius Boza-Edwards, 132¾, Uganda, TKO'd Fili Ramirez, 152½, Los Angeles, referee Joey Curtis stopping the scheduled 10-rounder at 0:43 of the seventh round.

Brian Muller, 147, Guyana, TKO'd Clarence Howard, 144½, Phoenix, Arizona, in the second round of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Dave Meadows, 156, Las Vegas, won a majority decision over Agipito Ramirez, 152½, Los Angeles, 10.

Rocky Lee Burkey, 173, Carson City, Nevada, outpointed Luke Capuano, 174¾, Chicago, eight.

Paid attendance — 2,078. Gross — $121,450.

The card was presented by Caesars Palace in association with Bob Arum and Top Rank, Inc., and televised nationally by ABC and throughout the British Isles by the British Broadcasting Company.

*SHIRLEY NORMAN*

### *CERVANTES-MONTILLA*
### World Junior Welterweight Title

CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA — Antonio Cervantes (AKA Kid Pambele), 140, Colombia, retained his world junior welterweight crown with a seventh round technical knockout over Miguel Montilla, 139½, Dominican Republic, in the Cartagena de Indias bull ring.

Cervantes, who had outpointed Montilla in New York on January 18, 1979, dominated every round. He decked the challenger in the fifth round and again in the seventh, as he used his jab and left hooks to wear down Montilla until referee Waldemar Schmidt called "break" and halted matters at 1:28 of the seventh canto.

Miguel did not look good. His

nose was bloodied in the fourth round and he had a badly swollen left eye by the seventh. Montilla, 26, was the WBA's number one contender going into this bout, and collected $10,000 as his end of the purse. He's now 36-5.

Cervantes, who is anywhere from 34 to 42 depending on who you talk to, garnered $150,000 for the contest.

Mario Miranda, Colombia, outscored previously unbeaten Humberto Castillo, Venezuela, 10, junior featherweights. Cristoal Torres, Colombia, outpointed Hugo Rengifo, Venezuela, 10. Nestor (Baba) Jimenez, Colombia, TKO'd Patricio Nunez, Dominican Republic, in the seventh.

There was no TV.

*LUIS A. GONZALEZ*

### *WATT-NASH*
**WBC Lightweight Title**

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND — BEfore his own supporters, Scot Jim Watt successfully defended his World Boxing Council lightweight title by beating Charlie Nash, from Derry, Ireland in round four at Kelvin Hall. The latter had been down three times, and referee Sid Nathan stopped it after the last knockdown. Weights: Watt 134¾, Nash 134⅝.

While it lasted, there was more action than you sometimes see in a 15-rounder, and the rival factions both had their moments of glory.

In fact, Nash was the first to strike. In the opening session, he brought over a short right, and down went Watt for a brief count.

It wasn't Charlie's lucky night, though. Also in the first round, he sustained a cut over the left eye from a clash of heads. In this all-southpaw battle, it was expected that the tactics would be long-range, and that the two boxers would have a healthy respect for each other, at least at the start.

Nothing could have been farther from the truth. They exchanged jabs, then got to close-quarters, hence the head clash. Nash must have felt good when Watt went down, but not so good when Jim got up so quickly and appeared none the worse.

Not only that, Watt took the initiative in round two, and got home with some accurate left hooks to the face, beating his man to the punch.

Defense was almost forgotten as they banged away toe—to—toe and rounds two and three were exciting — but no indication of things to come very shortly.

Round four — a right, then a left, and the 28-year-old Nash's legs turned to rubber. On his way down, he clutched at Watt, and they both fell to the canvas. Jim immediately got up, but Charlie took a count of nine.

Watt had now seen the green light and came after his man. Nash hadn't fully recovered from the knockdown, and was soon on the canvas again for an eight count.

The champ was relentless now. Moving in, and throwing punches from both hands, he backed his man towards the ropes and rammed home a left hook. Down went Charlie, and Jim missed with a right and a left as his opponent was falling. But the first left hand had been enough.

Nash rose unsteadily at eight, but referee Sid Nathan stood in front of him, and waved his arms to indicate that the fight was over.

*RON OLVER*

### *SERRANO-KAZAMA*
**World Junior Lightweight Title**

NARA, JAPAN—SLICK PUNCHing Samuel Serrano, 129½, Puerto Rico, returned to ring warfare after a year's lay-off and retained his world junior lightweight title with an impressive TKO victory over switch hitting Kiyoshi (Battle) Hawk Kazama, 129¾, Japan's national junior lightweight champ, at 0:45 of the 13th round at Nara's Central Gymnasium. It was the 5'8½" Serrano's 10th successful defense.

There were no knockdowns. In the fatal session, Sammy caught the fading Japanese challenger with a solid left hook that made him stagger to the ropes. Serrano then connected with strong lefts and rights, who, exhausted, tried to cover up. That's when referee Stanley Christodoulou of South Africa stepped in, and he showed good judgement in so doing.

The scores through 12 rounds were as follows: ref Christodoulou, 119-113; judge Allen Daniel, Puerto Rico, 119-112; and judge Ryoji Kashiwagi of Japan, 118-117, all in Sammy's favor.

Serrano, who upped his record to 40-2-1 with 14 knockouts, was paid no less than $100,000 for the easy title defense.

Keizo Kurebayashi, 131½, survived two knockdowns in the second and stopped Yoshihiro Hattori, also 131½, at the end of seven. Kinji Kajita, 129½, halted Takashi Asuka, 129¾, at 2:53 of the first round. Shingo Tachibana, 122, outpointed Hiroshi Urakawa, also 122, four. Yuji Fujiwara, 117½, outscored Masahiro Hayashi, 118, four. Akihiro Ahiru, 125, decisioned Masamune Kanayama, 124, four. Kenji Miyagi, 128¼, outpointed Suejiro Kuramura, 129½, four.

Attendance — 9,500.

Presented by Nara Ikeda Promotions. Televised nationally by Nippon TV in Japan.

*JOE Y. KOIZUMI*

### *PEDROZA-MALVARES*
**WBA Featherweight Title**

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA — Tall Eusebio Pedroza, 125½, Panama City, retained his WBA featherweight title for the eighth time with an easy TKO of Juan Malvares, 126, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Quick jabs kept Malvares outside, and right hand counters did the rest. Malvares was a mess when referee Vincent Rainone stepped in at 1:10 of the ninth round.

The bout was switched to Panama from Argentina due to monetary problems, but the last minute change of venue didn't hurt the gross receipts. The attendance was estimated at 15,000.

Eusebio's been rather busy as of late. This fight was on March 29, and his last defense had been against Spider Nemoto in Tokyo on January 22. Pedroza should have a long reign as champ, with many more defenses — as long as the WBA keeps picking his opponents.

Eric Perea, 147¼, TKO'd Reynaldo Ortega in the first round of a scheduled four-rounder. Melquiades Gomez, 128¾, TKO'd Marcos Vasquez, 130¾, at 1:36 of the fourth round. Tomas Hinestrosa, 111¼, won unanimous decision over Octaviano Asprilla, 112, four. Aquilino Aspirlla, 121, knocked out Juan Vargas, 123, in the first round of a scheduled four-rounder. Felix Suse, 148, Nicaragua, knocked out Roland Howard, 141, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Felix Rodriguez, 121¾, knocked out Mauricio Buitrago, 121¼, Nicaragua, in 2:14 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10-rounder. Agustin Caballero, 136, knocked out Francisco Becerra, 135¾, in the first round of another scheduled 10.

Judges for Pedroza-Malvarez — Lorenzo Ramirez of Puerto Rico and Fernando Wigo of Venezuela

Promoter — Camilo Toureau
Venue — Gimnasio Nuevo Panama
Gross — $79,000.00

*RAQUEL TORRES*

### *LUJAN-ISOGAMI*
**World Bantamweight Title**

TOKYO, JAPAN — CRAFTY, snappy Jorge Lujan, the Panamanian world bantamweight champion, battered Japanese challenger Shuichi Isogami from every angle and retained his title with a TKO at 2:45 of the ninth round in Kuramae Arena.

It was a very lopsided affair, and a good call by referee Larry Rozadilla, as Isogami had no chance to turn the tide had the one-sided contest been allowed to go on. The 25-year-old Lujan had dominated the entire fight.

The first round saw the champ probe the Nipponese fighter with stinging lefts, while Isogami, looking nervous, attempted to score with jolting lefts at long range in round two. Lujan, however, made these blows miss. He's flexible, with good mobility. The third session saw Lujan toss good lefts, preventing Isogami from boring in with his jolting attacks.

Isogami, 24 with a 20-1-3 record with 14 knockouts, was ranked third by the WBA, but he lacked the experience to

handle the likes of Lujan. From the fourth round on, the fight became a slaughter.

Lujan, 118, hit his foe with vicious left and right uppercuts in the fourth round, and the fifth session saw the champion chase Isogami, 117¾, from pillar to post and sometimes nail him with barrages of strong rights to the face and body. Isogami sought to fight back with roundhouse lefts, but these were easily averted by the titleholder. The sixth and seventh sessions saw the champ shoot left jab after left jab, causing Isogami's nose to bleed. The challenger's face was badly swollen now, and Lujan, in the eighth, went for a kayo with a series of left and right uppercuts to the crouching Japanese, who futilely aimed for the champion's body.

When the finish came in the ninth canto, Isogami's right eye was almost closed. A furious attack with solid lefts and rights to the face by Lujan preceded referee Rozadilla's action.

Kenichi Ito, 122, TKO'd Hiroyuki Tanaka, 121½, at 1:35 of the sixth round. Tomoki Kataya, 118, TKO'd Frazier Kinjo, 117½, at 2:20 of the third. Kikuo Nodate, 117½, knocked out Yoshiaki Matsuura, 117, in 2:48 of the third round. Hidenori Okubo, 118, came off the canvas to stop Kazuhiro Matsuda, 117, at 2:40 of the second. Tadao Yamane, 129¼, outscored Phantom Ogawa, 129½, four. Kazuhiro Ikeda, 107¾, Isogami's unbeaten southpaw stablemate, kayoed Kunio Furukawa, 106½, in 0:52 of the second. Katsumi Motoki, 133½, dropped Yasuo Hasegawa, 133¾, and won a majority decision in the four-round curtain-raiser.

Attendance — 8,000.

Presented by Shinto Promotions. Nationally telecast by TV Asashi in Japan.

*JOE Y. KOIZUMI*

### *ZAPATA-NAKAJIMA*
**WBC Junior Flyweight Title**

TOKYO, JAPAN — PANAMANian southpaw Hilario Zapata won the WBC junior flyweight title with a close but unanimous decision over Japanese defending champion Shigeo Nakajima in 15 see-saw rounds at Kuramae Arena.

Referee Henry Elespuro, from California, scored the affair 144-143, while judges Harold Lederman, New York, and Jose Escalante of Mexico had it 144-141 and 146-144, respectively — all in favor of Zapata. It was a mandatory title defense, so, in accordance with WBC rules, the officials were all neutral foreigners from different areas.

Both fighters were reported as having had trouble making the weight, but both managed to tip the beam at the 108-pound class limit. For Nakajima, who won the title from Korea's Sung-Jun Kim with a unanimous decision, it was a first defense. The way things went, his reign as champion lasted 81 days and his crown went halfway "around the world" — to Panama.

No sooner had the verdict been awarded to Zapata than a furious riot began among the angry fans. Seat cushions, ash trays, and waste paper were thrown into the ring.

Japanese national junior featherweight champion Hiroyuki Iwamoto, 122, retained his title with unanimous decision over Kanekatsu Daito, also 122, 10.

Hiroyuki Kobayashi, 112, stopped Hirohisa Iino, also 122, at 1:35 of the fourth round. Yasuzo Fukutani, 139, outpointed Hideyuki Kameda, 138½, four. Keiji Kawamura, 122, outscored Kazuo Numata, 121, four.

Attendance - 8,000.

Presented by Yonekura Promotions. Nationally telecast by TV Asahi in Japan.

*JOE Y. KOIZUMI*

### *MERCADO-SHAVERS*

GREAT GORGE, N.J. — IT HAD to happen one day: The punching bag finally fell on the puncher. Bernardo Mercado stood up under enough punishment to finish off the normal punching bag and finally culminated the incredible man-bites-dog saga by turning the tables on a wearied Earnie Shavers at 0:41 of the seventh round.

To explain it in any other terms would be to give credit where credit is not due.

Jimmy Young, announced at 232½ and looking like he was in dire need of a C-cup bra, had a tougher time correcting his weight with the ring announcer (forcing him to reannounce his weight as 222 after scraming like a stuffed pig) than he did with his opponent, 221-pound Don Halpin of Lowell Mass., whom he knocked out in 0:25 of the second round.

Mike Fisher, 174, Paterson, N.J., knocked out Joe Peoples, 172, Newark, in 0:45 of round one. John Mollander, 158½, Ronkonkoma, N.Y., knocked out Elijah Ham, 162½, Paterson, N.J., in 1:37 of the first. Tom Merola, 160, Newark, N.J., knocked out Charles Young, 158, also of Newark, in 0:27 of the second round. Rocky Lockridge, 125, Paterson, kayoed Richard Rozelle, 124, Columbus, Ohio, in 0:31 of the second. Melvin Epps, 191, Brooklyn, won a split decision over Ali Allen, 212, Paterson, six. Antonio Nieves, 126, Paterson, won unanimous decision over Ron Meaweather, 130, Newark, four. Derick Cuttino, 135, won unanimous decision over Jack O'Neill, 142, in a four-round emergency bout.

A sell-out crowd of 2,500, including several Playboy Bunnies, paid $10 and $20 for the afternoon, building a gate of over $30,000 and insuring further afternoons of fight and Bunny-watching at Great Gorge.

*BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR*

### *SPINKS-LOPEZ*

LAS VEGAS, NEV. — LEON Spinks lost by a sprained ankle and Eddie "Animal" Lopez lost by a butt as the two heavyweights fought to a draw at the Aladdin Hotel.

The pair, each at 204 pounds, slugged at each other for 10 tension-packed rounds, but neither showed the skills or mettle of the champion that Spinks once was, or that Lopez would like to be.

"The Animal" dealt his opponent an unfortunate butt in the fifth round — an action which caused referee Mills Lane to take one point away. This penalty obviously cost Lopez the decision.

Spinks, attempting to return to his former, though brief, glory as world heavyweight champion, had suffered a sprained ankle during road work the week before the fight.

Leon's inability to move around on the ankle caused him to spend much of the fight pinned to the ropes by his opponent. Here "The Animal" pounded Leon's head and body with relentless fury; but was unable to put the former champion away.

Spinks started off every round as the aggressor — slugging away with every weapon in his arsenal: straight lefts and rights, combinations to the head and body, and stunning uppercuts.

The tide turned mid-round in each of the 10, as "The Animal" came on in full fury — working mostly to Leon's body. He employed brutal combinations to the mid-section followed by swooping overhand shots to the head. Many of Lopez's overhand shots missed their mark, saving Spinks much intended punishment.

Scoring for the fight read: Harold Buck, 95-94 for Spinks; Duane Ford, 95-94 for Lopez; and Hal Miller 95-95, even. (Miller also scored a draw for the Antuofermo-Hagler middleweight title bout last November.)

Greg Page, 229, Louisville, Ky., knocked out Charles "Sandman" Parker, 208, Spartanburg, S.C., in 3:09 of the third round in a scheduled 10-rounder. (Parker was knocked over the ropes just as the bell sounded.)

Stan Ward, 233, Sacramanto, the California State heavyweight champion, won unanimous decision over Leroy Caldwell, 206, Las Vegas, 10. Scoring on all three judges' cards was 98-92.

Danny Tenio, 111½, Phoenix, Arizona, won a split decision over Jose Torres, 113, Tucson, Arizona, six. Scoring: Lou Tabat, 58-57, Tenio; Dave Moretti, 58-57, Torres; Art Lurie, 59-57, Tenio.

A walkout bout, scheduled for 10, ended at 0:30 of the third, as Ricardo Jiminez, 129½, Los Angeles, destroyed Alex Garcia, 128½, Mexico. Jiminez sent Garcia to the canvas four times before the bout was mercifully stopped.

Harry Krause refereed all four preliminry bouts.

Paid attendance — 1,435. Gross - $56,240.

*SHIRLEY NORMAN*

### *LE DOUX-MONROE*

ST. PAUL, MINN. — IN ONE OF the most sensational heavyweight bouts seen in a long time, veteran Scott LeDoux won a 10-round decision against Marty Monroe in St. Paul's Civic Center.

The bout — carried live by CBS-TV — was evenly contested from start to finish, with the outcome in doubt up until the final bell.

At the end, judges Leroy Benson and Vern Merrick scored the fight 98-94 and 97-96 respectively for LeDoux. Referee Danny Nelson saw LeDoux winning by an even greater margin, 97-93.

*J. T. GREENROSE*

# RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

## NORTH AMERICA

## UNITED STATES

### CALIFORNIA

**▲ REDWOOD CITY — Circle Star Theatre — Featherweight Warren Matthews scored a unanimous decision over clever Juan Bautista in the 10-round main event. Matthews was dropped to the canvas midway in the fourth, but got up unhurt and resumed control of the fight. In the ninth, Bautista was knocked down with a left-right combination.**

Matthews, originally from New Orleans, is now fighting out of Oakland and attempting to gain a local following. He is a polished boxer with a fair punch. Bautista, 126½, now fighting out of Los Angeles, had a four-inch height advantage over Matthews, but lacked enough power to be effective. Neither fighter was in serious trouble. The scorecards were 98-88, 96-90, and 97-93. Matthews, 125½, is scheduled to return for a future main event.

A turnout of 1,255 fans, which grossed $12,650, evidently came to watch local fighters go to battle in the preliminaries. Happily for promoter Mike Collins, all local fighters scored good wins.

In a very rough eight-rounder, Perry LeVoe, 156, Cupertino, unanimously decisioned Lander Clark, 155, Seattle. Both fighters were rocked repeatedly and were at a state of near collapse when the final bell rang. In a six-rounder, Ricky Wynne, 144½, San Francisco, knocked out Robert Turner, 142½, San Diego, with one overhand right in the second round. The punch produced a tremendous noise, as if a truck had misfired.

In another six-rounder, Billy Tavake, 169, South San Francisco, won by disqualification over Jesse Island, 172, San Diego, when the latter lost his mouthpiece three times in the second round. Later, Island claimed his mouthpiece was too big and that seems probable. In the opener, Mike Jamison, 217, Cupertino, knocked out Marlyn Johnson, Richmond, 217, in the second round. The victory was far from an artistic success.

CHRISTOPHER COATS

**▲ INGLEWOOD — FORUM — At the end of his super featherweight fight with Rafael "Bazooka" Limon, Bobby Chacon waited quietly in his corner as blood streaked down his face. Alongside his left eye was a deep cut. His right eye, with an angry gash above it and a large mouse beneath, had begun to close. Blood poured from his nose. His handlers stared at his face with concern, and began wiping it — delicately.**

Across the ring, Limon was on the shoulders of his trainers, arms aloft, waving at his compatriots from Mexico City who had come to Los Angeles to see just this — a masterful performance from their 24-year-old hero. Below them, commentator Jim Healy was telling a cable television audience that Limon had won decisively. It was an opinion shared by most observers at ringside, including Forum promoter Don Fraser and, of course, Limon's own handlers, who now embraced their fighter. Limon smiled, and the smile stayed until the announcement came that Chacon, the local favorite, had won a split decision. Limon later called the decision "the worst robbery of my life." Chacon said simply that he had been "hopeful."

It was their third meeting in a series filled with controversy. After the then-unknown Limon won a decision over the heavily-favored Chacon in 1978, the two met in a rematch last year at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. Chacon was far ahead on the scorecards of all three judges when the two fighter's heads collided in the seventh round and Limon stepped back with a cut above his right eye. The referee ruled that Chacon had accidentally butted Limon and stopped the fight, which resulted in a technical draw. Afterwards, a bitter Chacon claimed that Limon had found the only way to escape from defeat.

This year, when the fighters signed for a third fight, their enmity boiled over. Chacon questioned Limon's manhood. Limon responded by vowing to beat Chacon into retirement. And if their mutual antipathy wasn't enough, there were the stakes involved: a possible title fight with WBC super featherweight champion Alexis Arguello, who had already beaten both of the fighters — stopping Limon in 11 rounds and Chacon in seven on cuts.

Before 5,208 at the Forum, they fought cautiously through the opening rounds, the southpaw Limon flicking out a long right jab; the shorter Chacon struggling with little success to reach Limon with a right-hand lead. Then, in the fourth round, caution was abandoned, and Limon hurt Chacon with a combination against the ropes. Chacon came back to fight effectively in the fifth, but at round's end the first of his cuts had surfaced along the left eye.

The fight turned in the seventh. After scoring with a combination, Limon connected with a short right, and Chacon went down. Arising on unsteady legs alongside the ropes, Chacon took a fierce pounding for the next minute. Referee John Thomas watched carefully, and, then, as Chacon's head jolted upwards and his knees sagged from a vicious uppercut, Thomas stepped forward, apparently ready to stop the fight. At that moment, Chacon saved himself. He pushed Limon away and moved off the ropes. Referee Thomas stopped himself, looked on for a moment longer, and then, satisfied with Chacon's condition, he, too, moved away. Chacon survived the round, but its impact upon the scoring looked fatal for him. Even though he rallied in the ninth and tenth, Chacon appeared to finish a loser.

Then came the decision that Limon said destroyed the integrity of California boxing, and which, at the very least, suggests that California should give thought to employing out-of-state judges when a local fighter meets a foreign opponent. Judge Marty Denkin scored the fight for Limon, but he was overruled by judge Frank Rustick and referee Thomas, each of whom gave Chacon the bout by one-point margin. For Limon, 130 1/2, the defeat dropped his record to 48-5-2, and certainly meant the loss of his WBC number one ranking. For Chacon, 131 3/4, who is now 43-5-I, the victory opened the door for a fight with Arguello or number two ranked Frankie Baltazar of Los Angeles. Chacon is reportedly also considering offers to fight featherweight champion Salvador Sanchez in a non-title bout in May at the Forum and WBA super-featherweight champion Sammy Serrano later this year in Puerto Rico.

In a preliminary, unranked featherweight Justo Garcia, 125 1/2, captured a split decision to upset 10th-ranked Juan Escobar, 126. Garcia is now 30-6. Escobar's record dropped to 28-6-I. The bout featured an experimental scoring system in which the scores of the judges were announced at the end of each round.

**▲ LOS ANGELES — Olympic Auditorium — Mario Chavez, who had lost narrow decisions in two previous bouts with California bantamweight champion Ricardo Varela, knocked out Lorenzo Ramirez in the third round of their scheduled ten-round fight. Chavez floored his foe with a left hook to the body, and Ramirez was counted out at 1:43.**

Chavez, 117, is now 20-6. Ramirez, 118, saw his record fall to 17-5.

MICHAEL LEAHY

### CONNECTICUT

**▲ HARTFORD — Civic Center Assembly Hall — Unbeaten Hartford welterweight Marlon Starling, 147, drummed down Frank Minigan, 148, of Rochester, New York, five times to gain his seventh win by TKO at 0:22 of the fourth round in a slated eight-round feature. After the last of the five knockdowns, which were scattered through three of the four stanzas, referee Lou Bogash gave Minigan a test. "I put up three fingers before his eyes and asked, 'How many?' I got no response, and stopped the fight," he said.**

Displaying a classic boxing style well in advance of his but seven pro fights, Starling showed no signs of having been affected by the death of his fellow townsman, Charlie Newell. The latter had been fatally injured being knocked out by "Mooch" seven weeks before. Take the second knockdown in the first round: Minigan dropped from the delayed effect of a left-right combo; Starling had quickly stepped in with his right fist cocked for a finishing touch and pulled back as his foe fell. Left jabs launched with lightning flashes, hooks and right uppercuts following, Marlon also came out with doubled-up hooks and crosses with the aplomb of a budding ring champ.

Marcus Starks, 138, Hartford, added a fifth win to his unbeaten skein by dropping Jose Gonzales, 139, Springfield, Mass., three times in the third for a mandatory TKO at 1:58 of the round. The Bay Stater came near rolling off the ring apron after dropping under the lowest rope on the final knockdown of the slated four-round bout.

Miguel Sanchez, 158, Bridgeport, knocked out Johnny Davis, 155, New York City, in the fifth round of a slated semi-final six. Referee Sam Maltempo's 10-count overlapped the final bell as Davis struggled to get out of the entangling ropes into which he had been dropped.

Scott Luckachek, 210, Westport, TKO'd Vinnie Smith, 219, Brockton, Mass., at 1:21 of the second heat in a scheduled six-round bout. Ref Walt Longo stopped it after Smith refused to resume fighting after a granted rest period following a low blow.

Four-rounders: Calvin Langston, 199, Bridgeport, outscored Ralph Kelly, 217, Syracuse, New York. Randy Davio, 156, Springfield, TKO'd Tom Cowell, 152, Bridgeport, three. Willie Franco, 153, New Haven, TKO'd Heriberto Vasquez, 152, Puerto Rico, four.

**▲ WEST HARTFORD — Stage West — Rival Hartford welterweights battling for that city's 147-pound crown and the trophy which went with it — will have to await another day for its disposal, as Papo Figueroa and Hector Ortiz fought to an eight-round draw. Former Lt. Governor Robert Killian and insurance executive James Drummond led a boisterous gathering and SRO crowd of 1,000 in whooping through the crowd-pleaser.**

Referee Sam Maltempo, who at one time interrupted the bout and ordered both to stop tossing intentionally foul blows, voted for the 147-pound Ortiz, 38-36 on the five-point must system. Judge Lou Bogash leaned to Figueroa, 38-37, and judge Pinky Morris tabbed it a 37-37 draw.

Registering pain in pantomime, Figueroa implied he had been fouled repeatedly during early rounds. After hopping 'round in seeming distress again in the sixth, Papo charged in to intentionally hit Hector low. Halting such shenanigans, the ring arbiter meted out no penalties, and was himself hit a glancing blow by an errant shot in the seventh. Cut over the right cheekbone in the first heat and sporting a ribbon of blood throughout, Ortiz rallied in the final round.

Muhammad Shabazz, 166, Hartford, swept the last two rounds against a tiring Skipper Jones, 164, Philadelphia, for the unanimous decision in a rugged eight-round co-feature. They took turns spinning each other's mouthpiece into the crowd during the see-saw struggle.

Six-rounders: Pepe Vasquez, 124, Hartford, and Jimmy Magnifico, 124½, Jersey City, drew here for the second time. Dave Bolden, 135, Brooklyn, New York, decisioned Nordine Bensallah, 137, Albany, New York.

Four-rounders: Walter Smith, 145½, Philadelphia, TKO'd Jack Johns, 145, Hartford, three. Jorge Vasquez, 127, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Antonio Jiminez, 127, New York City, with three knockdowns in the first. Joe Vescio, 195, Providence, TKO'd Walter Driscoll, 182, Boston, three.

JOSEPH CASSANO

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**▲ WASHINGTON — Starplex — An estimated crowd of 2,700 turned out to see veteran welter Johnny Gant, of the District, easily manhandle Sgt. Larry Moore of Charlestown, West Virginia.**

Gant was his usual cautious self, flicking jabs and occasional rights to the head of Moore, who could only respond with wild, amateurish hooks and ineffectual body punches. Sensing a cream puff, Gant began snapping his jab in the second round, bringing tears to Moore's eyes. With less than 10 seconds to go, a right to the temple deposited the wheezing Moore on his face. The West Virginian beat the count and survived the remaining seconds, but a medical examination between rounds brought a halt to the action. According to District rules, Gant won on a third round TKO. Gant weighed 146, while Moore was listed at 147 but appeared far lighter.

The 31-year-old Gant will now go against Roger Leonard, older brother of world champion Sugar Ray Leonard. The Gant camp hopes to get back in the limelight (and, incidentally, the big money) with this bout, but, because Gant will actually be fighting a junior middle, the result seems problematical.

Gant, both now and in the recent past, has been an excellent performer who, somehow, never connected with the proper financial reward. His biggest bouts were a 15-round decision loss to Angel Espada in 1975 and an eight-round TKO at the hands of Ray Leonard in January, 1979. Dame Fortune has never been particularly kind to the one-time "Dancing Master," and, apparently, the future also has rough spots in store.

Bud Becker, 154, Vineland, New Jersey, outpointed Eddie Gray, 158, District, four. Craig Stevens, 140½, District, TKO'd James Lee, 146, Philadelphia, at 1:19 of the first. Mario Maldonado, 157, Vineland, TKO'd Reggie Jackson, 156½, District, in the third. (Jackson began absorbing a series of powerful left-right combos and referee Harry Cecchini decided enough was enough at 1:08 of the round.)

Dale Staley, 149, Forestville, won when southpaw Leo Thomas, 157, Philadelphia, was disqualified in the second round of their scheduled six-rounder. (Both sides claimed serious fouls, but, when Thomas, electing not to fight, attempted to exit via his corner, referre Cecchini gave the win to the local, Staley.)

Bruce McFarland, 173, Vineland, stopped Jarvon Pratt, 175, District, with a picture perfect left hook at 1:16 of the second. Jeff Passero, 140, Mitchellville, won unanimous decision over southpaw Larry Daniels, eight. The elusive Daniels was down in the sixth from a right hand, but otherwise avoided trouble.

**▲ WASHINGTON — Starplex — Up-and-coming featherweight hopeful Derrik Holmes, 124, New Carrollton, Md., made his 10-round debut a success by winning a split decision over tough Marcial Santiago, 123½, New York City.**

The 24-year-old Holmes (13-0-1) had the best of the action over the first five rounds behind a lightning jab which kept the New Yorker at bay. The tide of battle turned, however, in the second half of the fight, as Santiago began to penetrate and land heavy shots. In the ninth round, Santiago floored Holmes with a right. He had Derrik in trouble in the final session, but

was unable to put him away.

The scoring (which was not well received by the crowd): referee Joe Bunsa, 96-94, Santiago; judges Charley Reynolds and Norvell Lee, 96-94 and 98-94, respectively, Holmes.

Jeff Passero, 143, Mitchellville, knocked out Tyrone Moore, 139, Philadelphia, in 1:10 of the first round in a scheduled six. (Passero is now 90.) Craig Stevens, 140, District, outscored Otis Hooper, 139½, Bowie, six.

ED SCULLEN

## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

**▲ HONOLULU, OAHU — Blaisdell Center Arena — Before a hometown crowd of 3,625 who paid a gross gate of $26,500, a fast-rising 19-year-old junior lightweight sensation, Big Islander Ralph Aviles, Hilo, 131, constantly moving and jabbing smartly, scored the biggest win of his young pro career by copping a unanimous 10-round decision over the WBC's ninth-ranked junior featherweight, 32-year old Nene Jun, also 131, Philippines, in the feature stellar presentation.**

In registering his ninth win in a row without a defeat, seven by K.O., Aviles was super quick, as he boxed superbly with all the aplomb of a veteran. The youngster amazingly displayed a fine arsenal of punching combinations which continually found their mark on Jun's chin. It was hard to believe that the kid was fighting only his ninth pro bout against Jun, the journeyman pugilist who saw his record slip to 48-13-7. Referee Abe Pacheco and judge Bobby Lee both scored it 50-43 for Aviles while the other judge, Tamotsu Tomihara, had it 49-45.

"Ralph fought exactly the way we planned it," said Aviles' manager, Larry Ichinose. "He's a good listener. He wanted to go in there and 'take him out,' but he calmed down and followed the plan. This fight was part of his 'schooling.' "

The crowd was on Aviles in the final three stanzas because he was content to dance away from an on-rushing Jun, who knew his only chance of victory was by a knockout. Aviles was just too fast for the fading veteran who found himself desperately winging punches from all angles but missing by a mile. As the fight progressed, the frustration of Jun's fruitless efforts was painfully visible on his face.

For promoter Sad Sam Ichinose, his second boxing card of the year was like money in the bank.

"We didn't lose money," said Ichinose, "This was 'an investment fight.' "

It was an investment in the future for Ichinose, whose lone meal ticket for the last several years had been the North American Boxing Federation lightweight king, Andrew Ganigan, the Waipahu Sugarman who is now 30-2 with his recent K.O. of Roberto Vasquez.

The most exciting and entertaining bout of the evening was the co-feature 10-round semifinal which turned out to be an old fashioned pier-six brawl between the 5 ft. Chinese-Samoan "Cyclone" Malo Fale, 134, and Joe Lim, 136, Manila, Philippines. It reminded this writer of the late 40s at the Garden when middleweights Paddy Young of Greenwich Village and Tuzo "Kid" Portuguez of Central Costa Rica engaged in some famous wars.

Lim once again proved the old theory "kill the body and the head will die." From the opening bell both sluggers stood toe-to-toe trading terrific punches with Fale having the slight edge in the first 3 heats. However, Lim hung in, absorbing Fale's best shots, and, coming in behind his jab, started to score effectively with solid left hooks to the liver in the fourth. Midway through the fifth, the Samoan Cyclone began to disintegrate into nothing but a weak "tropical disturbance."

In the closing moments of the sixth, a barrage of vicious body shots dropped Fale in a sitting position as the bell sounded. Only seven seconds into the seventh referee Abe Pacheco wisely ended the carnage, with Fale leaning over in a helpless state as Lim mercifully flailed away with both hands without a return. This snapped Fale's undefeated win streak at 12 and dropped his record to 12-1. Lim upped his record to 25-10-1.

Up-and-coming lightweight Mark Ibanez, 138, Waianae, fast becoming a local favorite and also unbeaten made short work of a very inept import by poleaxing Rudy Mata, 135, Phoenix, at 1:46 of the first. Hard-punching Ibanez blasted Mata to the canvas with a wicked left-right combination to the head for the initial knockdown. Mata arose on queer street, took a mandatory eight-count and shortly after that was sent into dreamland for keeps with a brutal left hook right on the button. Mata was out for a full minute and a half.

In a three-rounder, fast-punching Tino Savea, 135½, Kalihi, wasted no time in disposing of gangly Rick Marquez, 136, Waipahu, at 32 seconds of the first with a terrific right cross to the jaw. In the 3 round curtain raiser, heavyweight Carl Poff, 184, Ewa, used a first round knockdown to take a unanimous decision over paunchy Eugene Gordon, 198½ Kalihi.

JOEL LIPSITT

**▲ HONOLULU, OAHU — Blaisdell Center — Ralph Aviles, 131, Honolulu, scored his biggest victory to date with a clean cut win over veteran Nene Jun, 131, Philippines, in a 10-round bout.**

Referee Abe Pacheco and judge Bobby Lee both gave Ralph an edge of 50-43, while judge Tamotsu Tomihara had it 49-45, also for Aviles.

The 19-year-old Aviles simply proved too fast for Jun, who had appeared in Honolulu fights 10 years ago. Aviles has now won nine consecutive bouts.

Joe Lim, 136, Manila, stopped Malo Fale, 134¼, Samoa, in the seventh round of a companion 10-rounder. Fale was undefeated in 12 fights before this loss.

Mark Ibanez, 138, Honolulu, TKO'd Rudy Mata, 135, Phoenix, in one. Tino Savea, 135½, Honolulu, TKO'd Rick Marquez, 136, Honolulu, in the first. Carl Poff, 184, Honolulu, beat Eugene Gordon, 198½, Honolulu, in three.

TED YAMACHIKA

## INDIANA

**▲ INDIANAPOLIS — Market Square Arena — "Slammin' " Sammy NeSmith, 160, Indianapolis, survived a low blow in the first round, a rip in his trunks in the sixth, and the loss of Tom "Sarge' Johnson in an airplane crash in Warsaw, Poland. Sarge was one of 29 Americans, including 14 U.S. amateur boxers, who perished in the disaster only four days before. Johnson got NeSmith started in boxing at the Camp Atterbury Job Corps Center in Southern Indiana about a dozen years ago, and was like a father to Sammy.**

Sammy overcame the obstacles with a TKO victory over rugged Ron Brown, 163, Denver, Colorado, at 2:10 of round eight in a scheduled 10-rounder. The early rounds of the bout looked more like a wrestling match at times, with both combatants on the canvas frequently from slips and shoves. In the fifth round, NeSmith scored well with sneak right leads, opening up a cut under Ron's right eye. Brown was knocked down twice in the eighth round before referee George DeFabis stoped the match. NeSmith's record went to 33-4 with 29 kayoes.

In another 10-round bout, Gary "Ice Man" Guiden, 160½, Muncie, looked razor-sharp in stopping Joe Barrientes, 158¼, Dallas, Texas, at 1:33 of round three. Guiden had been out of action for four months due to a broken jaw suffered during his Philadelphia fight with Curtis Parker, but he scored at will with combinations and uppercuts. The Texan was floored in the second by a left hook, and a right uppercut downed him in the third to cause the stoppage. Gary's record improved to 29-5 with 25 knockouts, halting a three-fight losing slump.

In the third 10-round contest of the night, Danny Myers, 149, Muncie, (17-2 16 kayoes) quickly disposed of Jesse Martin, 153½, Houston, Texas, at 0:40 of round two. In round one, Myers suffered a flash knockdown after receiving a high right to the side of the head. In the second stanza, a straight left by Myers dropped Martin for an eight-count and Referee George DeFabis stopped the fight.

Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini, 136½, Youngstown, Ohio, destroyed Tony Rutledge, 130, Columbus, Ohio, with a deadly left hook at 1:44 of round one. "Boom Boom" had softened up his opponent with some wicked body shots early in the round. Mancini is one of the hardest hitting, if not *the* hardest hitting, lightweight in the world at this time.

Donnie Garrett, 156, Muncie, lost a four-round decision to Mark McCullogh, 151½, Columbus, Ohio.

Steve Marmino, 218, St. Louis, TKO'd Mark Wickliff, 209, Beech Grove, Indiana, at 1:23 of round two.

Clyde "Rocky" Mudgett, 200, Indianapolis, decisioned George Goforth, 183½, St. Louis, in six.

Mark Lemerick, 149, Anderson, Indiana, (2-1 1 kayo) stopped Ricky Davis, 151, Columbus, Ohio, at 0:45 of round three.

Promoter Fred Berns presented eight bouts with 54 scheduled rounds and drew only 1,528 fans in spacious Market Square Arena. The gross was $17,500.

GARY L. MERRITT

## KANSAS

**▲ OVERLAND PARK — Glenwood Manor Convention Center — Steve Homan, coming off a three-month lay-off caused by cuts suffered in his last bout against Johnny Copeland and a non-boxing related finger injury, was anything but impressive as he won a unanimous decision over Ken Saale, St. Charles, Mo., lightweight, in the 10-round main event.**

Saale was having his first bout since March, 1979. His year-long lay-off was caused by a neck injury.

Homan, who rarely used his boxing ability, seemed to be looking to land the one big kayo punch, but he never did.

It was obvious that Saale had come to fight, as the two boxers spent most of the bout slugging it out, and the crowd loved it. The southpaw Homan landed the more effective punches, but Saale, employing a brawling style, always made the fight interesting.

Homan was cut twice above the eye from head collisions. With about a minute left in the 10th round, the action was halted briefly while Homan was checked for a cut above the left eye. The doctor decided to let the Raytown, Mo., fighter continue, and the fans gave both fighters a standing ovation at the end of the bout.

The judges' scores were 99-94, 99-95, and 98-95 — all for Homan, who is now rated 18th in the WBC lightweight rankings.

Saale, who employed a strong left hook throughout the bout, had this to say after the fight:

"I didn't follow my game plan. I had hoped to keep to his right. I didn't get that live shot I wanted, even one time."

"My timing was completely off at first," said Homan, who boosted his record to 18-2. "I'd jab and my right arm would be dead, and he'd pepper me. I think I was trying to take him out with one shot. I fought a stupid fight, but the fans got their money's worth."

Al "Bubba" Thompson, Tulsa, stopped Wardell Williams, Kansas City, at 2:35 of the sixth round. Referee Eloda Morrison decided that the badly tiring Williams had received enough punishment and stopped the bout.

The crowd-pleasing featherweight scrap saw Williams down in round three. He got off the canvas and rallied to make a close bout of it until he just wore out. Williams is now 15-9 as a professional.

Elmer Suttington, recent Kansas City Golden Gloves regional champion, made a successful pro debut by scoring an impressive points win over Alvin Fowler of St. Louis in a featherweight six-rounder. Suttington was especially sharp with his infighting.

Kansas City southpaw Tyrone Wren stopped William Jackson, Eufaula, Ok., at 2:55 of the first round in a scheduled six-round welter scrap. Wren is now 16-6.

Promoter Peyton Sher was in direct competition with the telecast of the Antuofermo-Minter world middleweight title bout, and only 700 fans attended this unique Sunday afternoon presentation.

RON COPHER

## KENTUCKY

**▲ LOUISVILLE — LOUISVILLE GARDENS—In what could be called the night of the unranked heavies, undefeated Greg Page and cagey George Chaplin battled to a split 10 round decision — the nod going to Page, who had to go the distance for the first time in 10 pro fights.**

It was the first real test for the fighters, each one needing the win. Page, however, needed more — he needed to come out of this fight looking impressive. He did not.

For Chaplin, the road ahead will be a rough one. Coming off a loss is not easy for a (fairly) young heavyweight. Chaplin, 29, has been there before and will be there again. Not to take anything away from George, who fights out of Baltimore; the man has skills, but there has never been a heavyweight champion who lasted very long who couldn't punch.

Now, Greg Page, supposedly the biggest thing to come out of Louisville since the legendary Muhammed Ali — is another story. You have to give him credit. He hung in there and he won. But, being slightly reminiscent of an Ali 17 years his elder and fighting like a young Ali are two different things. At 2l, Page — taking into consideration he had never been more than four rounds — should have been able to breeze through at least six. Such was not the case.

In the early rounds, Page, who weighed in at 226 3/4, compared to 2l6 for Chaplin, danced and even managed to land a few, opening a cut near Chaplin's left eye in round two.

After five fast paced rounds, Page's legs were gone and so was the movement. It seemed that Chaplin's strategy was working. He had stayed pretty much out of the way of Page's devastating right hand and was wearing him down.

Then, in the seventh round, the Louisville slugger caught Chaplin with a sharp right, driving him into the ropes. Page had him in trouble, but seemed bothered by Chaplin's effective bobbing, and let him out of it. In that span, Page was unable to land a sharp punch which could have put him away.

In the eighth round, Page tried to pick up where he had left off, but was drained from that last surge.

The last two rounds were pretty much the same, with both fighters tired and both still wanting to fight. Neither fighter was going to quit. Page seemed to have the advantage.

In the scoring, with the 10-point must system in effect, referee Lamor Lott had the fight 99-94 for Page. Judges Kenny Pastor and Ticky Schultz scored it 99-96, Page, and a draw, respectively. This writer had it 99-96 in favor of Page.

The contest leaves the Baltimore native, Chaplin, with a 17-2-2 record, with Page improving to 10-0.

JACK GOODMAN

## MISSOURI

**▲ KANSAS CITY — Municipal Auditorium — Hometown favorite Tony Chiaverini experienced little difficulty, as he completely overwhelmed former world junior welterweight champion Alfonso (Peppermint) Frazer and scored a 10-round unanimous decision win before a crowd of 4,460 fans.**

The 26-year-old Chiaverini, 156½, used his superior strength to defeat Frazer, 154, who was having his first bout in the junior middleweight division. The 31-year-old Frazer had difficulty making 140 pounds in his last bout against Aaron Pryor, who stopped him in the fifth, and, rather than continue to fight weight problems, he decided to move up a whole division.

Frazer, who came in as a substitute for Mel Dennis only three days before the contest, scored with several light right hand leads, and was able, for the most part, to keep the fight in center ring.

However, midway through the second, Chiaverini scored with a hard left hook to the head that knocked Frazer between the ropes. From that point on, the southpaw Chiaverini totally dominated the bout, except for a few moments in the 10th round.

Rounds three through nine were almost identical, as the tank-like Tony continually bulldozed his Panamanian opponent up against the ropes and into the corners, where he seemed to land what looked like hundreds of body punches, with occasional shots to the head mixed in. At times, Frazer was almost totally smothered by the offensive fireworks of

Chiaverini. However, even with Frazer hurt several times and looking like he could go at any time, the wily former champion always managed to weather the storm, and Chiaverini could never deliver the knockout blow.

"I don't know how many good body punches I threw," said Chiaverini. "I threw so many I got tired a few times and he made me miss. I didn't get frustrated. I wasn't disappointed I didn't get a knockout. I train to go as hard as I can every fight, and I did tonight."

Frazer opened up the 10th round with a short right hand that seemed to stop Chiaverini in his tracks for a moment. It was the hardest punch landed by Frazer in the bout, but the ex-champ just didn't have enough punching power to cause any problems for the world-rated Chiaverini. Tony C. finished strong, as he pounded Frazer in the corner for the remainder of the final round.

The three judges scored the bout 100-90, 100-90, and 100-91, all for the Kansas City fighter. Frazer, by going the distance, ended Chiaverini's K.O. streak at four.

"He won every round," Tony's manager, Angelo Dundee, said. "How much better can you win than 100 percent? That's perfection. This guy was a good fighter. I know that. I'm sorry the fight was set up so late we didn't get to tell the fans here how good Frazer is. The shots he took from Tony tonight, I don't see how he stood up."

Dundee was right about one thing. Frazer was a good fighter, with emphasis on the word "was." Frazer was a pretty good fighter seven-eight years ago. Not any more.

Chiaverini is now 35-4-1 with 25 kayoes. Frazer, world champion for eight months in 1972, is now 37-13-2.

Tracy Morrison, 194, Kansas City, fighting for the first time since April, 1977, appeared very ring rusty in winning a split decision over George Goforth, 181, St. Louis, in a very uninspiring eight-round bout. The scores were 78-77 and 79-75 for Morrison and 78-77 for Goforth.

Tom Crowley, 138, Tipton, Iowa, won unanimous decision over Freddie "Stepper" Harris, 137½, Bossier City, La., six. The judges' scores were 60-53, 60-53, and 60-52. Crowley is now 14-4.

Bruce "Mouse" Strauss, 157, Omaha, won unanimous decision over Odell "Wolf" Willis, 160, Wichita, six, by scores of 59-57, 59-57, and 58-57. Strauss formerly fought under the name Ruben Bardot.

Willie Turner, 131½, Kansas City, made his pro debut by stopping Marshall Villa, Jr., 132, Wichita, at 0:25 of the third round in the opening bout.

RON COPHER

## NEBRASKA

**▲ OMAHA — Jerry Banks, 231, Omaha, blasted Richard "The Hulk" Sharman, 261, Crete, Nebraska, to the deck shortly after the opening gong in their scheduled six-round main event. That was it: a first round kayo for Banks, the winner of the recent "Tuff Man's Contest." He showed good form in disposing of the rugged Sharman, who just couldn't get it together in time.**

In the semi-final, also scheduled for six, Bruce Strauss, Neola, Iowa, sent Ralph Jackson, Houston, to the canvas three times in the first round for a TKO. Strauss, a junior welter, has a reputation as a clowner, and this fight was no exception. But when Bruce settled down, he put his foe away with real authority. Ralph tried hard, but was outgunned.

In a thriller, "Irish" Mark Womochill, 192, Omaha, stopped Steve Anderson, 188, Dunlap, Iowa, in two. Both men were totally exhausted after unloading their big guns in the first, and it was simply a question of who would drop first.

Four rounders: Ray Menefee, 135, Lincoln, outpointed Mark Villa, also 135, Scottsbluff. Ken Moody, 141, Crete, upset favored Wayne Grant, 144, Omaha. Randy Nelsen, 173, Lincoln, edged Odell Willis, 166, Wichita. Be Berry, 217, Omaha, decisioned Mike Burson, 210, Omaha. K.O. Freeman, 217, Omaha, easily the most explosive fighter on the card, couldn't come out for round two against Doc Travis, 196, Omaha, after a solution got into his eyes. (Travis the winner by a TKO.) Jack Thomas, 217, Council Bluffs, Iowa, TKO'd comebacking veteran Chuck Anderson, Dunlap, Iowa, two.

Attendance—1,917.

**▲ NORTH PLATTE — Lupe Guerra, 204, North Platte, won a unanimous 10-round decision over Jimmy Cross, 208, Memphis.**

Facing his most accomplished opponent yet, Guerra looked sensational in hammering out victory over the stubborn Cross. Lupe is now 14-0 and easily the brightest prospect in the state in years. Fighting a bad cold and a sore shoulder, Lupe showed top form, fighting his fight all the way. Cross, 28-13-2, was battered and frustrated throughout, but gave it all he had. It was a vast improvement for Lupe, who was head and shoulders over his shakey form of last year. If he continues to improve, Guerra could be a boxer to watch in 1980.

The co-main event, also scheduled for 10, saw Dale Hernandez, 143, Omaha, put away Simmie Black in two rounds with a hook to the liver. Black, 140, Memphis, took the full count on his face, giving Hernandez his 36th win against three losses.

Dale has knocked out several foes since his loss to Lennox Blackmoore, and he wants the Guyanian again.

Robert Lee Thomas, 171, Memphis, TKO'd Randy Nelsen, 175, Lincoln, in the first round. Ray Menfee, 137, Lincoln, TKO'd Ken Moody, 139, Crete, in four. Walter Ware, Omaha, 185, made his pro debut by scoring an explosive one-round kayo over Faustino Sambula, Virgin Islands, now based in Denver, 177.

ROBERT J. RUIZ

## NEVADA

**▲ LAS VEGAS — Rodrigo Hernandez, 155, scored an upset split decision over Gary Giron, 157. Their 10-round bout was the main event at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.**

Hernandez was on the attack from the opening bell, and forced his opponent to the ropes several times during the bout. In the third round, he landed nearly a dozen punches before Giron could fight his way off the ropes. The rest of the fight was all Hernandez; but judge Dalby Shirley surprisingly scored for Giron: 97-93 Hernandez led on the other two cards, with judge Art Lurie scoring 97-94 and judge Charles Minkder 97-95. Referee was Harry Krause.

In a 10-round junior lightweight semi-main, Lionel "Flapping Eagle" Harney put the Indian sign on Opponent Jaime Nava to win a unanimous decision.

Harney had his opponent down twice — in the third and seventh rounds —and scored a near shutout. The score cards read: Judge Dalby Shirley, 96-92, Art Lurie 99-92, and Charles Minker 100-90. Referee was Harry Krause.

Some strange scoring marked a six-round preliminary between Randy Graves, 157, of Las Vegas, and Rick Noggle, 158, Masillon, Ohio, Judge Dalby Shirley scored the fight 59-55 for Graves; Charles Minker, 59-56, also for Graves; while Judge Art Lurie scored 59-56 for Noggle. This gave Graves a disputed split decision. Referee was Ferd Hernandez.

In a second six-rounder, Sammy Horne, 156, of Pelzer, South Caroline, took a majority decision over Mario Tenio of Tucson, Arizona. Judges Dalby Shirley and Charles Minker both scored 57-56 for Horne, while Art Lurie called it a draw at 57-57. Referee was Ferd Hernandez.

The four-round card-opener provided the most exciting action of the night, as Jose Torres, 11 and Danny Tennio, 114, beat each other to a pulp . . . only to end with a draw. Each fighter pounded the other without a let-up, providing the kind of action fight fans relish.

Judges Charles Minker and Art Lurie both scored the fight even at 38-38; while Dalby Shirley scored 38-37 in favor of Tennio. Referee was Harry Krause.

Attendance: 533 Gate: $3, 762

**▲ LAS VEGAS — It was a brief and bloody card at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week, as all three bouts ended in early knockouts.**

In the main event, Johnny "Dancing Machine" Carter danced his way to another victory in his now-unbeaten 14-0 record. Carter sent a bruised and bloodied Ardon Peralta to an early knockout at 1:49 of the third round.

Carter, 117, dealt Peralta two constant rounds of punishment, while the overmatched Peralta, at 115, was unable to land any impressive blows. Carter's speed kept him out of his opponent's range; and Peralta's face was soaked with blood at the end of the second round.

The game Peralta came out the aggressor in the third round; but Carter made short work of his ambitions, as he kayoed the Phoenix fighter at 1:49 of the round. Referee Ferd Hernandez stopped the bout.

A semi-main of heavyweights was even shorter as Randy Mack, 214, of Philadelphia, disposed of overweight Mike Rogers, 250, at 1:25 of the first round.

Rogers, who was a last-minute fill-in for promoter Frank Watts, was totally untrained and unprepared. With his belly spilling over his trunks, Rogers was an eager target for the trim, well-trained Mack. Referee was Ferd Hernandez.

The card opener managed to go six rounds before Billy Ratliff, 174, of Louisville, Ky., scored a TKO over Rico Castillo, 176 of Phoenix, Arizona.

Castillo came on strong in the first three rounds — swinging with wild and furious punches. Ratliff appeared to be baffled by the onslaught; but the tide turned in the fourth round. Castillo had exhausted his energies, and was unable to defend himself against the now-agressive Ratliff. Referee Carlos Padilla stopped the fight when Castillo was unable to raise his arms.

Attendance: 416 Gate: $3,465

**▲ LAS VEGAS—It was a "Chile" night for Julio Gomez at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.**

Gomez, 149, a native of Santiago, Chile, suffered a seventh round knockout at the fists of 152-pound Daryl Penn of Portland, Oregon.

The Oregon native literally had his opponent "Penned" on the ropes for most of the fight; and Gomez's attempts at counter-punching were, for the most part, Ineffective.

Their scheduled 10-rounder ended dramatically at 55 seconds of the seventh when Gomez fell on the ropes. Penn moved in with a wicked right cross, and Gomez went through the ropes to the canvas and the final KO. Referee was Buddy Basilico.

A companion main event, also scheduled for 10 rounds, ended abruptly in the sixth. James Williams, 175, of Portland, Oregon, scored a TKO over Junior Albers, also 175, of San Carlos, California. Williams had his opponent in trouble from the opening bell. The pair traded punches in the middle rounds, but Albers was defenseless by the sixth. As he hung onto the ropes, unable to fend his opponent's punches, his corner threw in the towel, at 1:22 of the sixth. Referee was Harry Krause.

A scheduled six-round preliminary ended at 1:32 of the second round as Ricardo Jiminez, 131, of Los Angeles, scored a TKO over Andres Armanderiz, 129, of Los Angeles. Armanderiz was never in the fight, as Jiminez swarmed all over him. At the beginning of the second round, Andres was staggering around the ring, and referee Harry Krause stopped the bout.

The four-round card opener marked the pro debut of both opponents: Ken Hodges, 164, of Los Angeles, and Joe Valle, 160, of Las Vegas. Hodges had Valle down on one knee in the fourth round, and emerged with a unanimous decision. Referee was Buddy Basilico.

Attendance: 323. Gate: $2,967

**▲ LAS VEGAS—It was the type of action that fight fans dream about. It was a blockbuster 10-round main event at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week between Ron Brown, 160, Denver, Colorado, and Ted Sanders, 162, Lakewood, California.**

The undefeated Brown and the savage Sanders slugged it out for 10 action-packed rounds, with the final, unanimous decision going to Sanders.

It was all Ron Brown in the first three rounds; and he sent Sanders to the canvas early in the third. Brown might have finished off his opponent; but decided not to press him. Sanders recovered by the end of the round.

In the fourth round, the tables turned, and Sanders became the aggressor, connecting with such savage blows that Brown was dazed at the end of the round.

Sanders continued his attack in the fifth round, pinning Brown to the ropes, and delivering a left hook to the jaw that had him reeling into the sixth round.

Brown's punches lost their power in the sixth and seventh rounds; but the pace picked up in the eighth and ninth rounds; with both fighters landing a succession of powerhouse punches.

Early in the 10th, Sanders connected with a lightning right; and Brown went down, although he quickly rallied to his feet. Both fighters were totally exhausted at the end, and the cheering crowd was on its feet. The crowd saw the fight more even than did the judges, who scored as follows: Dalby Shirley, 96-92; Lou Tabat, 97-92, and Charles Minker, 95-94, all for Sanders. Referee: Harry Krause

In a 10-round semi-main event, Cissi Mory, 132, Pomona, Calif., won a unanimous decision over Roberto Garcia, 129, Compton, Calif. Mory completely outclassed and outboxed the hard-hitting Garcia. The scoring read: Lou Tabat, 96-94; Charles Minker, 97-92; Dalby Shirley, 97-94. Referee: Ferd Hernandez.

In a six-round heavyweight prelim, Jesse "Big Red" Prieto, 232, pounded out a unanimous decision over Jose Herrera, 211, of Denver, Colo. Prieto used his weight advantage to score over his opponent, although he was penalized a point for "rabbit punching" by referee Ferd Hernandez. The scoring read: Charles Minker: 59-54; Dalby Shirley, 58-56; Lou Tabat, 59-56.

A four-round prelim resulted in a majority decision for William Banks, 172, of Las Vegas. Banks used some punishing rights to the rib cage to score over Charles "Cowboy" Roye, 178, also of Las Vegas. Judges Lou Tabat and Charles Minker scored 39-37; while Dalby Shirley called the fight a draw at 38-38. Referee was Ferd Hernandez.

The scheduled four-round card opener ended abruptly as Sammy Horne, 146, scored a knockout at 2:02 of the first round over Jim Vanzantd, 152. Vanzantd was fighting his first pro bout and Horne his second; Horne's record is now 2-0. Both fighters are veterans of 40 amateur bouts. The fight was refereed by Harry Krause.

Attendance: 480. Gate: $3,372.

**▲ LAS VEGAS—Nick Ortiz, the Puerto Rican panther, put on a Dracula act at the Sahara Hotel Fight Night.**

The Dracula tactics—biting his opponent on the neck—cost him the bout and his NABF Super Welterweight Title.

Ortiz, 153, battled Las Vegan Steve Delgado, 152¼, in a scheduled 12-round defense of his NABF Title.

The feisty Ortiz found most of his punches ineffective against the planned strategy and skills of Delgado.

This, obviously caused him to resort to the biting tactics, from the second round on. Referee Ferd Hernandez warned Ortiz consistently, but the Puerto Rican paid no heed.

Finally, Hernandez, in disgust, stopped the bout at one minute of the fifth round.

Hernandez, a former top middleweight contender himself, explained his decision: "I warned him several times; and he didn't listen. He was deliberately and maliciously biting Delgado on the neck; and a man like that does not deserve to continue fighting; let alone for a title."

Ortiz was suspended indefinitely by the Nevada State Athletic Commission.

The victorious Delgado later displayed the teeth marks on his neck; and joked: "I'll fight him again any time—if they take his teeth out!"

Delgado's trainer, Eddie Futch, was jubilant about his fighter's new title, and exclaimed: "Steve is in the best shape of his career. I knew going in he could take Ortiz. This NABF Title is just the beginning. The best is yet to come!"

In a 10-round semi-main, Jimmy Ingram, 184, took a wide-margin unanimous decision over Alvin Dominey, 177. The smaller, less-experienced Dominey was unable to cope with Ingram's power punches and combination shots. However, the gutsy Texan refused to go down; and managed to last the distance. The scoring read: judge Charles Minker: 100-90; judge Duane Ford, 98-92; judge Hal Miller 99-91, all for Ingram. Referee was Carlos Padilla.

In the card opener, scheduled for 10, a tough Bruce Curry put away Jimmy Jackson at 2:27 of the 7th round.

Curry came on like a powerhouse at the opening bell, and stayed on top of his opponent until the final KO. Jackson, who is more impressive as a kick boxer, was no match for the savage, slugging Curry. Referee was Carlos Padilla.

Attendance: 845. Gate: $10,848.

**▲ LAS VEGAS—Johnny "Baby Dancing Machine" Carter danced and slugged his way to the Nevada State bantamweight championship, as he scored an impressive ninth round TKO over Mike Stuart, 116, of Los Angeles.**

The fight was all Carter's from the opening bell, as he scored at will in every round, delivering his punches so fast that Stuart was unable to block them.

Stuart put up little defense, as Carter kept his left hand in his opponent's face and hooked off every jab Stuart attempted to pick off.

Carter's constant left hooks and straight right combinations had Stuart shaken by the fourth round. He held on, however, until the ninth, when a Carter left hook sent him to the canvas on both knees. Referee Carlos Padilla didn't even start the count—just Carter's hand was raised in victory. The kayo came at 58 seconds of the ninth.

A scheduled eight-round featherweight bout came to an abrupt end when feisty Fred Roach, 123, Las Vegas, struck a screaming right cross to the head of his opponent, Roberto Flores, 122½, San Antonio, Texas. Flores hit the canvas at 1:30 of the first round; and was knocked so cold that it took several minutes for his seconds to revive him. Ref: Joe Curtis.

A lightweight prelim, scheduled for six, ended at 19 seconds of the third round when Sterling McPhearson, 136, of Las Vegas, kayoed Joe Willie Johnson, 139, also of Las Vegas. The win brings young McPhearson's unbeaten record to 5-0. Referee: Joe Curtis.

A scheduled four-round card opener ended at 2:57 of the second round when Doug Harrold, 122, of Shreveport, La., scored a TKO over McGill Felix, 125, of Los Angeles. Felix was staggered so badly by his opponent's punches that he was stumbling around the ring when the fight was stopped by referee Carlos Padilla. This was the first pro fight for both contestants.

Attendance: 543. Gate: $5,139

**▲ LAS VEGAS—Dujan Johnson, 145, of Detroit, shows the same fistic promise as his famous stablemate, Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns.**

Johnson, in his seventh pro fight, and first 10-rounder, put away veteran Javier Ayala, 147, of Los Angeles, at 2:35 of the eighth.

The crowd at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week was cheering for Ayala; but that didn't bother young Johnson a bit.

## UNITED STATES RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion: Title Vacant
1. John Tate (Tenn.)
2. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
3. Leon Spinks (Mo.)
4. Gerry Cooney (N.Y.)
5. Leroy Jones (Colo.)
6. Scott LeDoux (Minn.)
7. Pinklon Thomas (Mich.)
8. Ossie Ocasio (P.R.)
9. Mike Koranicki (Pa.)
10. Greg Page (Ky.)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion: James Scott (N.J.)
1. Marvin Johnson (Ind.)
2. Yaqui Lopez (Calif.)
3. Marvin Camel (Mont.)
4. Mike Rossman (N.J.)
5. Carlos DeLeon (P.R.)
6. Michael Spinks (Mo.)
7. Jerry Martin (Pa.)
8. Jesse Burnett (Calif.)
9. Paul Ramos (Ohio)
10. Tommy Evans (Calif.)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion: Marvin Hagler (Mass.)
1. Vito Antuofermo (N.Y.)
2. Ronnie Harris (Ohio)
3. Curtis Parker (Pa.)
4. Dwight Davison (Mich.)
5. Wilford Scypion (Texas)
6. Ray Seales (Wash.)
7. Ernie Singletary (Pa.)
8. Roger Leonard (Md.)
9. Sammy NeSmith (Ind.)
10. David Love (Calif.)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion: Steve Delgado (P.R.)
1. Tony Chiaverini (Mo.)
2. Nick Ortiz (P.R.)
3. Johnny Sullivan (Ore.)
4. Jerry Cheatham (Ariz.)
5. Nino Gonzalez (N.J.)
6. Zeferino Gonzalez (Calif.)
7. Alvin Anderson (Md.)
8. Tyrone Rackley (Ariz.)
9. Bobby Watts (Pa.)
10. Rocky Mosley, Jr. (Nev.)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion: Thomas Hearns (Mich.)
1. Wilfred Benitez (P.R.)
2. Pete Ranzany (Calif.)
3. Randy Shields (Calif.)
4. Adolfo Viruet (N.J.)
5. Luis Resto (N.Y.)
6. Manuel Jiminez (P.R.)
7. Greg Stephens (Calif.)
8. Domingo Ayala (P.R.)
9. Johnny Turner (N.Y.)
10. Andy Price (Calif.)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion: Title Vacant
1. Esteban DeJesus (P.R.)
2. Bruce Curry (Texas)
3. Willie Rodriguez (Pa.)
4. Monroe Brooks (Calif.)
5. Ruby Ortiz (N.Y.)
6. Sean Mannion (Mass.)
7. Larry Stanton (N.Y.)
8. Sammy Ayala (Texas)
9. Tony Petronelli (Mass.)
10. Leroy Haley (Nev.)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion: Howard Davis, Jr. (N.Y.)
1. Aaron Pryor (Ohio)
2. Edwin Viruet (P.R.)
3. Johnny Lira (Ill.)
4. Herman Montes (Calif.)
5. Andrew Ganigan (Hawaii)
6. Jorge Morales (P.R.)
7. Reynaldo Zaragoza (Calif.)
8. Gonzallo Montellano (Calif.)
9. Sean O'Grady (Okla.)
10. Ray Mancini (Ohio)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion: Title Vacant
1. Frankie Baltazar (Calif.)
2. Bobby Chacon (Calif.)
3. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
4. Arturo Leon (Ariz.)
5. Greg Coverson (Mich.)
6. Ernest Bing (N.J.)
7. Robert Mullens (S.C.)
8. Luke Ervin (N.J.)
9. Alex Aletore (Calif.)
10. Roy Hernandez (Texas)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion: Ruben Castillo (Calif.)
1. Danny Lopez (Calif.)
2. Mike Ayala (Texas)
3. Rocky Lockridge (N.J.)
4. Gerald Hayes (N.J.)
5. Alberto Collazo (Pa.)
6. Abdul Bey (Hawaii.)
7. Fel Clemente (Calif.)
8. Warren Matthews (La.)
9. Carmelo Negron (N.Y.)
10. Juan LaPorte (N.Y.)

**JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion: Nicky Perez (Ariz.)
1. Juan (Kid) Meza (Calif.)
2. Javier Flores (Utah)
3. David Ramalho (Mass.)
4. William Berry (N.J.)
5. Derrik Holmes (Md.)
6. Earl Large (Ariz.)
7. Cookie Valencia (Utah)
8. Jaime Garza (Texas)
9. Melvin Johnson (Calif.)
10. Alfonso Evans (Pa.)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion: Jeff Chandler (Pa.)
1. Alberto Davila (Calif.)
2. Leo Randolph (Wash.)
3. Oscar Muniz (Calif.)
4. Johnny Carter (Pa.)
5. Eddie Logan (Calif.)
6. Julian Solis (P.R.)
7. Alberto Sandoval (Calif.)
8. Andres Hernandez (P.R.)
9. Andres Torres (P.R.)
10. David Capo (N.Y.)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion: Title Vacant
1. Joey Olivo (Calif.)
2. Orlando Maldonado (P.R.)
3. Willie Jensen (Nev.)
4. Fred Jackson (Tenn.)
5. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii.)
6. Jose Ortiz (P.R.)
7. Javier Mendoza (Calif.)
8. Mike Stuart (Calif.)
9. Mario Chavez (Calif.)
10. Mark Pacheco (Nev.)

**Larry Holmes (Pa.), world heavyweight champion; Mike Weaver (Calif.), WBA heavyweight champion; Matthew Saad Muhammad (Pa.), world light heavyweight champion; Eddie Gregory (N.Y.), WBA light heavyweight champion; Ray Leonard (Md.), world welterweight champion; Saoul Mamby (N.Y.), WBC junior welterweght champion; Hilmer Kenty (Mich.), WBA lightweight champion; Samuel Serrano (P.R.), world junior lightweight champion; Wilfredo Gomez (P.R.), world junior featherweight champion.**

Johnson bloodied Ayala in the opening round with stiff jabs to the body; and worked incessantly to Ayala's head and body with some searing combinations.

Ayala managed to inflict some hard blows himself in the early rounds; but he was no match for his younger opponent. By the fifth round, he was noticeably exhausted; but managed to hang on until the eighth, when the punishment left him totally defenseless. Referee Joe Curtis stopped the bout at 2:35 of the eighth round.

In an eight-round companion fight, Rosendo Ramirez, 131, of Los Angeles scored a split decision over Jose Santana, also 131 of Panama.

Santana, who is a sparring partner for super bantamweight champion Wilfredo Gomez, appeared to be winning the fight on aggression and punches. Ramirez, who scored mainly on counterpunching, suffered a cut under the right eye in the fourth round; and appeared to be on the losing side of the bout.

However, only one judge agreed with the crowd, as Art Lurie scored for Santana, 77-76. Judges Dalby Shirley and Harold Buck both scored 77-75 for Ramirez. Referee was Richard Green.

In a six-round prelim, Randy Graves, 159, of Las Vegas, won a unanimous decision over Dennis Mancino, 161, of Los Angeles. Graves, working with a sharp left hook, consistently shook his heavier opponent. The scoring read: Dalby Shirley, 60-54; Art Lurie, 59-55; and Harold Buck, 59-55. Referee was Richard Green.

In a scheduled six-round card opener, Ricardo Jiminez, 129, of Los Angeles, scored a TKO at 1:48 of the first round. His victim was Eliou Hernandez, 130, of Los Angeles. Joe Curtis refereed the bout.

Attendance: 474. Gate: $3,243.

**▲ LAS VEGAS—It was 10 rounds of duck soup for Victor "Kid Zorrita" Martinez, as he scored a shutout decision over opponent J.J. Cottrell.**

Zorrita, 149½, Los Angeles, and Cottrell, 149, Denver, tangled in the main event of the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

Aside from a slight flurry at the end of the second round, Cottrell did little actual fighting. He spent most of the bout with his hands over his face and his elbows tucked into his belly.

Martinez took every advantage of his vulnerable target; and pounded the Denverite to a bloody pulp. He maneuvered him—several times—to the ropes, inflicted a cut over his right eye, and pushed his nose to the side of his face.

Although Cottrell landed few blows, he proved as staunch as the Rocky Mountains of his native state in surviving the full distance of the fight. Judge Art Lurie scored the bout 100-91, while Joe Swessel and Harold Buck both scored 100-90 in favor of Zorrita. Referee was Richard Green.

In a scheduled eight-round semi-main, "Irish" Randy Clover, 135, of Phoenix, inflicted a first round cut over the eye of his opponent, Julio Alfonso, 140, of Los Angeles. The cut bled so profusely during the first and second rounds that Alfonso was unable to land any punches through his blurred vision. Finally, he was unable to answer the bell for the third round, giving Clover a quick TKO. Referee was Richard Green.

A scheduled six-rounder of heavyweights ended in just 56 seconds—as Jeff Podgurski, 200, Las Vegas, sent hapless opponent Jim Wallace, 230, Phoenix, to the canvas twice in quick succession, scoring a final K.O. at 56 seconds of the first round. Referee was Buddy Basilico.

A scheduled six-rounder also ended before the third round, when Jesse James Castleberry, 140, of Alaska and Las Vegas, finished off his Indian opponent, Larry Yazzie, 138, of Phoenix. Castelberry opened up a deep cut over Yazzie's right eye early in the second round, and the Apache bit the dust; as he was unable to answer the bell for the third round. Referee was Buddy Basilico.

The card opener, scheduled for four rounds, also ended early when Charles "Cowboy" Roye, 178, Las Vegas, landed a thunderous right hand to knock out Lon Tucker, 187, Baldwin Park, Calif. The kayo came at 1:52 of the second round. Referee was Richard Green.

Attendance: 502. Gate: $3,621

**▲ LAS VEGAS—It was a tough ten-round heavyweight bout, with each fighter using every ounce of skill and strength to pound his opponent into submission. However, the fight went the distance, and Niva Tofaeono, 176½, Los Angeles scored a unanimous decision over King David Smith, 176, Las Vegas.**

The undefeated Tofaeono stunned Smith in the first round with a hard right, and seemed well on the way to a knockout. However, King David used all his tricks of the trade to survive the distance; and actually outpoint his opponent in the middle rounds.

In the ninth round, Tofaeono pummelled Smith all over the ring, landing a series of right-left combinations. But King David refused to fall; and managed to land some good kidney punches, while clowning his way around the ring.

The scoring read: Duane Ford, 97-94; Dave Moretti, 97-93; Hal Miller, 96-94, all for Tofaeono. The win brings the young fighters record to 9-0; while the veteran Smith's drops to 19-8-1. Referee was Buddy Basilico.

In a scheduled 10-round co-main event, Ricardo Jiminez, 129, of Los Angeles, kayoed Joe Phillips, 131, of Pittsfield, Mass., at 2:48 of the third round.

Jiminez landed a right to the chin that staggered Phillips; and the New England fighter went down on a delayed reaction. He got to his feet by the count of five and took the mandatory eight-count.

Phillips was dazed by the knockdown; and was unable to cope with the feisty Jiminez, who was chasing him around the ring. Referee Harry Krause stopped the bout.

In a six-round prelim, Jaime Nava, 135, of Los Angeles, scored a unanimous decision over Jesse James Castleberry, of Alaska and Las Vegas.

Castleberry started off as the aggressor; but was soon outboxed by Nava. Scoring was: Hal Miller 58-56; Duane Ford 58-56; Dave Moretti, 58-57; all for Nava. Referee was Harry Krause.

In the four-round card opener, Rafael Capistro, 115, of Los Angeles, scored a close but unanimous decision over Francisco Rodriguez, 116, also of Los Angeles. It was the first pro fight for both. The scoring read: Hal Miller, 39-38; Duane Ford, 39-37; Dave Moretti, 39-38. Referee was Buddy Basilico.

Attendance: 460. Gate: $3,480. SHIRLEY NORMAN

## NEW YORK

**▲ NEW YORK CITY — Felt Forum — Matchmaker Gil Clancy came up with a thriller for the 10-round main event. He pitted young, up-and coming slugger Luis Resto, 148, Bronx, against clever, more experienced counterpuncher Adolfo Viruet, 146, Hoboken. Resto was the aggressor throughout the contest, constantly trying to maul Viruet in the corners and on the ropes. Viruet, however, managed to build a slight lead by virtue of short, crisp punches that kept Resto off balance. Finally, in the ninth and 10th rounds, Resto was able to catch up with the awkward southpaw and force him to slug it out. The final bell was greeted with a rousing ovation by the 2,704 fans in (paid) attendance. Referee Harold Valan scored it 6-4, Resto; judge Tony Castellano had it 5-5; and judge Al Reid saw it 6-4, Viruet — a draw. The decision was a fair and popular one.**

Viruet, who had been inactive since losing a 10-round unanimous decision to Sugar Ray Leonard in Las Vegas on April 21, 1979, is now 16-3-1 with five kayoes. Resto is 11-4-2 with four knockouts.

Alberto Collazo, 128¼, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Panamanian Rodolfo Francis, 132½, at 2:56 of the seventh round in another 10-round bout. Francis dominated the action in the early rounds and appeared to have Collazo in big trouble at one point. A hard right turned the tables, and a devastating left hook led to the battering that forced referee Joe Santarpia to halt matters in the seventh. Collazo, who had drawn with David Capo out in Commack in his last start, is now 14-2-1 with nine kayoes. Francis is 22-6-1 with 15 wins inside the distance.

Three-time New York Golden Gloves champion Roberto "Sweet" Vinas 126¼, made an impressive pro debut by halting fellow New Yorker Julio Henriquez, 125, at 1:31 of the third round in a scheduled six. Referee Luis Rivera stopped the contest. Henriquez was making his pro debut, too.

Trevor Evelyn, 138, Barbados, won a unanimous decision over Jimmy Longo, 144½, New Paltz, New York, four. Rivera refereed, as Evlyn recorded his fifth victory. He's 5-0 with one kayo.

Gross $25,721. THOMAS T. HANSEN

**▲ WHITE PLAINS — Westchester County Center — Quick, now — what do the following names have in common: Fred Spry, Paul Telesca, Ken Fusco, Trevor Evelyn, Steve Small, and Norberto Sabater? Besides not even being household names in their own households, they were winners at a small, almost private gathering of the Westchester "faithful" — all 800-plus strong — who came to watch them in Momentum Enterprises' monthly show.**

Fred Spry, 166, Peekskill (2-0), knocked out one Jack Flowers, 165, New York City (0-3), in 0:49 of the second round. Paul Telesca, 212½, Portchester (3-1), won a four-rounder from Lynwood Allen, 200, Harlem. Kenny Fusco, 148, Harrison (11-3), knocked out Gerald Chase, New York City (4-5), in 1:20 of the first round. Trevor Evelyn, 136, Barbados (4-0), outscored Richard Garland, 141 (2-3), four. Steve "Schoolboy" Small, 163½, (6-1), knocked Alvin Bracy, 156 (1-2), all the way back to Philadelphia in 2:41 of the first.

And in the "main event" — for lack of a better phrase — Norberto Sabater, 157½, (10-0), beat Jesse Carter, 146 — who was filling in for Greg Sorrentino and Reynoldo "Mr." Shipes, both of whom backed out — into submission at 1:39 of the fifth round.

**▲ TARRYTOWN — Dick Clark Theatre — Boxing came out of its proverbial closet into the elegant trappings of the Dick Clark (nee Westchester Premier) Theatre for one evening. And, despite the presence of more big names out of the ring than in, it looks like, as Claude Rains said at the end of Casablanca, "the beginning of a beautiful relationship."**

Many of the 1,800 on hand — including Vito Antuofermo, Melio Bettina, Charlie Fusari, Joey Giardello, Frankie Ryff, and others too numerous to name — had come for a combination boxing-dinner program, as well as to pay homage to promoter Chico Vejar, the former welterweight contender making his first promotional effort. It appears that the show was a "hit," and that fight-food fans can look forward to several encore performances at the showcase theatre.

In the feature bout, Arcadio (Pee Wee) Suarez, 139½, Spanish Harlem, decisioned Ray Bolden, 145, Brooklyn, 10. Steve "Schoolboy" Small, 162, Westport, Conn., won via a second round disqualification over Dalton Swift, 163, Brooklyn. Swift decided he had tasted enough of Small's after dinner offerings, spat out his mouthpiece, and walked out of the ring.

Robert (Big E) Evans, 210, Jersey City, soundly defeated previously undefeated Scott Lukachik, also 210, Bridgeport, Conn., in one round, flooring him with an overhand right after less than a minute and then pummeling him with punches before referee Arthur Mercante put a stop to things at 1:15 — despite Lukachik's constant screams of "I'm all right!"

Herbie Wilens, 157, Gaithersburg, Md., stopped Danny Perez, 164, West New York, N.J., 2:16 of the third. Carlton Swift, 167, Brooklyn, stopped Pedro Acerbedo, 163, Bronx, at 2:02 of the first. Doug Dewitt, 165, Yonkers, won a split decision over Pete Pennello, 162, Jersey City, four.

**▲ WHITE PLAINS — Westchester County Center — If there are two immutable laws written on the very first page of The Promoter's Handbook, they are: (1) Always put on the best show possible; and (2) Leave them wanting more.**

Promoters Lou and Richie Falcigno — AKA Momentum Enterprises — managed the first. But, alas, they were not so successful in accomplishing the second, as one of their carefully nurtured home grown products was beaten, ending the possibility of a good fight — and a good crowd — between two locals.

The seven-bout card was to have served as a warm-up for Sallie Boy Dragone, a resident of nearby Yonkers, and Kennie (Kayo) Fusco, from Harrison, with each progressing towards that inevitable date when they would meet for something called the Westchester welterweight title. Well, that was the game plan, anyway.

But while Dragone, 142, performed as expected, stopping New York's Hassan Muhammad, also 142, at the end of three rounds, Fusco fared less well, losing to Timothy LaValle, a 147-pound former gymnast from Troy, New York. LaValle, who is managed by former heavyweight contender Dave Zyglewicz — and is billed as "The Fighting Frenchman — took Fusco's measure with a six-round decision, hardly as close as the unanimous verdict would indicate.

Still, even with their bread-and-butter act falling apart, the Falcignos did put on a steady diet of good bouts for the 1,385 in attendance, headlined by Brooklyn's Manuel De la Rosa decisioning Felix Perez, 136, of the Bronx in eight. Other action saw Paul Telesca, 208, Port Chester, stop Christian McCruden, 180, Brockport, New York, in just 2:03 of the first round; Freddy Spry, 163, Peekskill, New York, TKO John Griffith, Watervliet, in 2:30 of the second; Billy (The Sicilian Butcher) Costello, 139, Kingston, New York, win a split six-round decision over Philadelphia's Kato Ali, 137; and Tom LaRusso, 155, Bronx, TKO Lee Grant, Philadelphia, 155, in three.

J. B. RANDOLPH

## PENNSYLVANIA

**▲ BETHLEHEM — Allentown's Willie (Fireball) Rodriguez retained his U.S. Boxing Association junior welterweight title with a unanimous 12-round decision over Rocky Ramon of San Antonio, Texas, before 2,000 fans in Lehigh University's Stabler Arena.**

Rodriguez (21-5) admitted he was somewhat rusty from a four-month lay-off and it showed through the first half of the bout. But then he got untracked, and proceeded to deck the seven-inches shorter Ramon with a straight right to the jaw in the ninth round. He then used a lightning-quick left hook and crunching right uppercut to put the veteran Texan down again in the 10th. Ramon survived another straight right to the head which drove him against the ropes in the 11th round.

The 25-year-old Rodriguez had to lose almost 5 pounds in the last two days to reach the agreed upon weight of 138 while Ramon, normally a lightweight, came in at 133 with no trouble.

Ramon, who has never lost as a lightweight, saw his record drop to 43-12-2. All of the 5-foot-3 fighter's losses have been to junior welterweights, full-fledged welters, and middleweights.

The 5-foot-10 Rodriquez had some rough times during the early action, as Ramon, who has never been knocked out, switched back and forth from a righthanded stance to southpaw and occasionally scored well with left hooks. He managed to bull Rodriquez around somewhat.

It was not until about the seventh round that Rodriquez took command with his longer reach. Ramon admitted afterward it was the hardest he had ever been hit. He had nice sized welts around both eyes to prove it.

Ramon's manager-trainer, Tony Ayala, said afterward, "We're going back to the junior lightweights."

Rodriquez, who's being constantly avoided by name foes, said he simply wants no more extended periods of inactivity.

On the undercard: Allentown lightie Jose (Speedy) Gonzales and Philadelphian Mike Ross battled to a six-round draw. Bethlehem bantamweight Angel Marrero used one punch, a left hook to the jaw, to kayo Philly's Martin Galloza, the latter making his pro debut. Allentown middle Steve Michalerya floored Philly's Elwood Townsend four times to win by TKO in the second round. Bethlehem lightie Angel Cruz won a close but unanimous decision over Philly's John McQueen in eight rounds. Allentown welter Abel Santiago won a four-round verdict over Willie Moore, also of Philadelphia.

The Lehigh Athletic Club promotion was the first fight card held in the Stabler Arena, which was dedicated on December 1, 1979. The arena has permanent seating for 5,800, but can be increased, with floor seats, to 6,600.

JIM BUSS

**▲ SCRANTON — Catholic Youth Center — Leroy Boone, 212, Virginia Beach, registered a 10-round unanimous decision win over previously undefeated (14 bouts) Steve Zouski, 206, Brockton, Mass., in the main go. Zouski, a late sub for Marty Capasso, who pulled out with an injury, gave a good account, but the veteran Boone demonstrated good uppercuts and clever boxing ability to gain the nod. The cards were 48-43, 47-44, and 46-44, all for Boone, who now goes into a bout with George Chaplin in Baltimore.**

Ali Allen, 212, Paterson, New Jersey, came away a decision winner over popular Keyser Valley local Jerry Foley, also 212, in an eight-rounder. Foley was dropped with left-right combinations in the first and second, but weathered the storm to finish. But it was Allen's powerful jab and chopping right hand that kept Foley out of the scrap. The scores were 39-33 (twice) and 39-32, making it unanimous for Allen.

Another eight-round bout saw Jim Smith, 200, Wilkes-Barre, win a unanimous decision over Calvin Langston, 195, Plainfield, New Jersey. Smith, who found his opponent easy to hit, scored his ninth straight win in the pro ranks.

Ralph Mifka, 162, South Scranton, TKO'd Dalton Swift, 160, New York City, in the second round of a scheduled six-rounder. Mifka, countering with a right hand wallop, had the New Yorker rubbery-legged in the second. He was battering his foe against the ropes when referee Joe Scali waved it over at the 2:30 mark.

Garland Wright, 144, Scranton, won a split decision over Ray Medera, 145, Brooklyn, New York, in another six-rounder. Wright took command in the middle rounds to eke out the split verdict.

JIM LEO

## OHIO

**▲ COLUMBUS — State Fairgrounds Arena — Pete Seward, 147, Columbus, won a ten round decision over crosstown rival Greg "Punching" Netter, 142, in a furious, punishing, main event contest.**

It was a dead heat for eight gruelling rounds, both fighters battling non stop for supremacy. Netter staggered Seward on occasion, but Pete's ring savvy and edge in experience made the difference. Seward picked up the pace in the ninth round, and started catching Netter with fast and hard combinations. By round's end, Netter was in trouble. In the 10th round, Pete Seward stalked his opponent, swarming and smothering him with hooks, right hand bombs, and uppercuts. At the sound of the bell, the crowd gave both fighters a standing ovation, and roared their approval at the announcement of the unanimous decision in Seward's favor.

In the co-main event, Manning "The Spoiler" Galloway, 140, Columbus, gave Tony Taylor, 142, Muncie, Indiana, a 10-round boxing lesson. Galloway, a 19-year-old southpaw, was lightning quick with his punches and constantly on the attack. Taylor, a very good defensive boxer, couldn't quite keep up with Manning's fast pace and stinging right jab. Both fighters were in excellent shape, and Galloway stood for instructions between rounds, never sitting down during the entire bout. The decision was unanimous. Galloway should definitely be in store for bigger and better things. His record is now 16-1.

Big Ed Temple, 175, Columbus, won his first professional fight by knocking out Phil Brown, 174, East Columbus, in the first round of a scheduled six. Temple unleashed a right hand sledgehammer bomb to the jaw of his opponent, sending him to the canvas. Brown was up at the count of eight, but was in no shape to continue. Referee Larry Bentley stopped the contest at the 2:10 mark.

Michael "Bomber" Bradley, 140, Columbus, scored a third round TKO over Jamie Knox, 142, Muncie, Indiana. Bradley, making his pro debut, savagely attacked his opponent with punishing blows to the body and head. Knox assumed a passive defense, content to lay on the ropes and absorb countless numbers of Bradley's punches. Bradley had Knox on the verge of being put to sleep several times in the fight before the referee decided to stop the action. Mike was very impressive and received a standing ovation from the crowd.

For the first time in the history of Columbus fistiana, two women boxers appeared on the card. Florie "Non Stop" Goldberg, Brooklyn New York, TKO'd Margo "Baby" Walls, Chicago in less than one minute of the first round. Florie caught Walls with a hook, resulting in Walls turning her back on the pretty Brooklynite. So Florie Goldberg caught Baby Walls in the back of the head with a hard right hand. At that point, Baby Walls spit out her mouthpiece and indicated to the referee that she could not continue.

All in all, the evening was very exciting, and promoter Joe Jackson should be commended for putting on a fine show and for keeping professional boxing alive in this city.

Referees: Roy Houpe, Larry Bentley, Tony Johnson. Judges: Sam Lowenthal, Randy Bias. Commissioner: Ben Cowal. Attendance: 1,049.

JOHN E. O'MALLEY

## TEXAS

**▲ HOUSTON — Fiesta Palace — After a near hour's delay, the latest card at this east side nite club finally got under way, and the fans who were on hand were treated to an exciting evening of fisticuffs.**

The main event, scheduled for 10 rounds, saw rapidly improving local youngster Roberto Madrid, 136, get up off the deck in the second heat and thoroughly dominate his opponent, Ramiro Hernandez of Laredo, from that point on. A crisp left hook deposited the 135-pound border town lad on his knees in midring at the 2:05 interval in round six. This was the second fine outing in a row for Roberto, who had come in as a late substitute against highly regarded veteran Arturo Leon in January and gone the distance, losing by decision.

The two eight-round prelims saw local pros Eddie Gonzalez (light heavyweight) and Steve Hearon (welterweight) score easy victories over opposition from out of town. Gonzalez, the son of former welterweight contender Manny Gonzalez, used a jackhammer jab to set up veteran trial horse Adolpho Rivas of San Antonio for the kill, which came with a whistling overhead right that kayoed Rivas in 1:05 of round three. Rivas was a substitute for Marcus Dorsey, who couldn't get off of work to appear at the noon weigh-in. Hearon, using a fierce body attack, put Jarvis Mayfield of Port Arthur on the canvas four times before Mayfield's trainer, Dick Menchaca, threw in the towel midway into round four.

Two other prelims opened the show. Billy Watkins, Jr., 135, Houston, the older brother of lightweight Maurice "Termite" Watkins, remained undefeated as he clobbered inept Elroy Armenderez, 133, Odessa, with a classic "one-two" that left the west Texan out cold as a cucumber only 20 seconds into round two of their scheduled six-rounder. Houston youngster Trini Lopez won a razor-thin four-round decision over Clyde "Chubby" Johnson of Galveston in a junior welterweight curtain raiser.

Promoter: Olympiad International Promotions
Referees: Chris Jordan, Bobby Gonzalez
Judges: Bob Martin, Bill Maeger
Timekeepers: Virgil Reichart, W. M. Meyers
Commissioners: Henry Villagomez, Tony Calindo
Paid Attendance: 303

**▲ HOUSTON — Fiesta Palace — The second show in as many weeks played to a lively crowd, including South African welterweight contender Harold Volbrecht, who was in town training for his title shot against WBA kingpin Jose (Pipino) Cuevas.**

The main event saw middleweight Manuel Torres of Mexico score a terribly lopsided decision over lanky Marcus Dorsey of Port Arthur. All that needs to be said about the one-sidedness of this clash is that Dorsey was knocked down seven times, getting up — amazingly — at the count of four or five each time. Referee Mark Tessman scored it 99-82; judge Bob Martin had it 99-85, and judge Bill Yaeger saw it 99-82, all in favor of the pudgy Torres.

The 10-round semi-final saw Texas featherweight champion Tony Sanchez, Houston, TKO Gilbert Garza of San Antonio at the 2:15 mark of round two. This mismatch saw Garza pounded from post to pillar from the opening bell. He was being bombarded in a neutral corner when referee Chris Jordan stepped in and halted the proceedings.

The evening's feature prelim saw Freddy "The Pebble" Jackson of Tennessee, one of the top 10 U.S. flyweights according to *The Ring*, made his Houston debut in the bantamweight division a successful one by putting Houston's Silvero Martinez down for the count in 2:58 of round four. Jackson is a classy looking youngster and, hopefully, will be gracing area boxing shows with his presence for many months to come.

There was one scheduled four-round prelim bout. Hugo Lazano, 132, Houston, hit Ruben Chiaverria, 129, San Antonio, with a vicious left hook which ended matters only 30 seconds into the bout. Chiaverria struggled to his feet, but began chattering to ref Tessman about going to the movies when the third man asked him if he wanted to continue.

Local battler Tony Rocha was scheduled to face one Bobby Flores of San Antonio. Flores, however, was judged "unfit for competition" by commission officials.

Promoter: Olympiad International Promotions
Matchmaker: Pete de los Santos
Referees: Chris Jordan, Mark Tessman
Judges: Bob Martin, Bill Yaeger
Timekeepers: Virgil Reichart, W. W. Meyers
Commissioners: Henry Villagomez, Tony Galindo
Total Attendance: 360
Paid Attendance: 338

C. A. JACKSON

# CANADA

## ALBERTA

**▲ EDMONTON — 48 hours after returning from Montreal, Frank Bricker, manager of Gary Summerhays, was on his way to Edmonton with Johnny Summerhays to take part in the card there. Over eight rounds, Johnny Summerhays, Brantford, won a unanimous decision over Al Ford, Edmonton. Both are former Canadian lightweight champions.**

FRANK ALLNUTT

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

**▲ NANAIMO — Pro boxing returned here after a long lapse when a five-bout card was presented by promoter Tony Dowling with a crowd of 2,100 in attendance.**

Gord Racette, 212, Nanaimo, remained undefeated when he knocked Lew Lockwood, 191, Reno, Nevada, kicking at the 0:28 mark of the second round. Lockwood was down twice in the first round from right hands for counts of eight and nine. He took the full count after Racette scored with a left-right combo in the second.

The co-feature saw veteran Dave Simmonds, 162, Surrey, B.C., get the nod over Bruce Strauss, 159, Omaha, Nebraska, in a real crowd pleaser over 10 rebounds. Simmonds floored Strauss seven times, but Bruce came back with a rally in the final round that brought the crowd to its feet.

Light heavyweights Steve Tohill, Vancouver, B.C., and Maurice Rice, Seattle, Wash., went at it in a real donnybrook, with the veteran Rice winning a split controversial duke. A check of the scoring cards by the Nanaimo boxing commission resulted in the verdict being changed to a draw.

Young Joe Wade, 185, Bellingham, Washington, TKO'd Jessie Aldrich, 190, San Francisco, Calif., in the third round. Wade floored Aldrich twice in the third heat and referee Jimmy McGee promptly stopped the bout. Aldrich had built up an early lead by making good use of his reach and long left jab.

The curtain-raiser saw Charles LaCour, Seattle, Washington, stop Billy Barnes, Burnaby, B.C., in the first round of a welterweight bout.

JIM JOHNSTON

## NOVA SCOTIA

**▲ HALIFAX — The main bout brought together Ralph Hollett, 162, Halifax, the Canadian middleweight champion, and Lancelot Inniss, 157, Montreal, who had lost a questionable decision to Danny Long of Boston in his last fight here, and who had come prepared to stay the limit with Hollett if he could. He did just that by getting on his bicycle in the first round and staying on it for the remainder of the 10-round bout. Hollett, try as he might to cut down the ring, was unable to do so to any extent, the Inniss managed to get in enough flicking lefts and occasional rights to make it a very close fight. Hollett won by a unanimous decision.**

The co-feature saw Trevor Berbick, 215, Halifax, the Canadian heavyweight champion, and John Warr, 200, New York City, go through 10 rounds of what one would have to describe as the most lacklustre performance put on by two men in a ring in a long time. Warr ssemed content to protect himself, refusing to mix with Berbick. Trevor's timing was off, his punches lacked zip, and it turned out to be a mauling match. It was announced as a split decision in favor of Berbick. It was most generous of the judge who voted in favor of Warr.

The third 10-rounder proved to be the last fight of the night. Lawrence Hafey, 147, Stellarton, Nova Scotia, now fighting out of Calgary, Alberta, and Steve Mannion, 151¾, Galoway, Ireland, now fighting out of Boston and managed by Jim Connally, put on a rousing show for the entire contest. Mannion proved to be a much better boxer than Hafey, and had control of the fight most of the time. Hafey landed the heavier punches when he did land, but Mannion's superior ring work kept him at bay through the majority of rounds. Mannion was not afraid to mix it when the opportunity arose, and there were numerous good slugfests in the course of the bout. Mannion proved very popular with the fans, and, I am sure, would be most welcomed back. The official verdict was a split decision in favor of Mannion, although most, if not all, of the fans felt that Mannion should have received a unanimous vote.

Roddy MacDonald, 176, Toronto, Ontario, stopped Kelly Anderson, 178, Montreal, at the 2:59 mark of the first round in the curtainraiser. The less said about this bout, the better.

The attendance, in the vicinity of 3,000 contributed to a gate of approximately $30,000.

▲ NOTES — I realize the confusion that must exist, having two commissions operating in the same area, what with the Nova Scotia Boxing Authority and the Halifax Boxing Commission both exercising their rights. As it appears that we are going to have to live with this set-up, I would suggest that the two bodies get their acts together and get the show back on the road before it is too late. The whole thing reminds me of the

WBA-WBC fiasco — too much politics and not enough common sense.

On behalf of all boxing fans in this area, sincere sympathy to the family of the late Roger Larivee, who was one of the real gentlemen this writer has had the pleasure of meeting over the years in the fight game.

GERRY SPEARS

## ONTARIO

**▲ TORONTO — Professional boxing, which is stagnant in this city, received lots of publicity on TV, radio, and the daily newspapers this past month. Unfortunately, it was of the detrimental kind. Canadian lightweight champion Nicky Furlano appeared in court for the second time in two months on assault charges. It appears that Furlano took part in two bouts in a Toronto night club which will not appear in the record books. He scored a clean K.O. over Mrs. Sharon Ferguson and got the decision over her husband Frank in a brawl that started in the club. Appearing in Provincial Court, Furlano was convicted and fined $600. The prosecutor in the case may consider appealing, stating that it was a crime of violence; the man has a special skill with his fists and it makes the offense more serious. Furlano is slated to defend his title against Gaetan Hart in Montreal.**

## QUEBEC

**▲ MONTREAL — The boxing fraternity of Montreal, both amateur and professional, suffered a severe loss with the sudden death of Roger Larivee from a heart attack on February 24, one week before his 59th birthday. During his long career as a manager, he was held in great respect for his honest no nonsense dealings throughout the U.S.A., England, Australia, and other parts of the world. Every fighter, amateur or pro, who boxed for Roger trusted him all the way. As a corner man, he had few equals; his only concern was for the welfare of his fighters.**

Former Canadian welterweight champion Donato Paduano never had a signed professional boxer-manager contract with Roger. A handshake was all that was needed between them. Madison Square Garden fans will always remember the night that Paduano met Marcel Cerdan, Jr. in a main event. Both were unbeaten at the time. An accidental butt in the fifth round opened a large gash over the eye of Paduano, and between rounds, Larivee, working with the hands of a skilled cut man, patched the wound so successfully that his fighter was able to continue and go on to win the decision.

Over the years, Roger handled many fighters in Canada, including Joey Durelle, Dave Hilton, Cleveland Denny, Bill Drover, Gaby Mancini, Paul Colette, and J. C. LeClair. It was this writer's privilege to know Roger Larivee as a friend, promoter, matchmaker, manager, and trainer. At all times, he was very cooperative and did his best to promote and better the sport. He was indeed in a class of his own. As a manager, he had no peers in Canada. Men of his calibre are hard to replace.

**▲ MONTREAL — Promoter Henry Spitzer had close to 5,000 fans on hand at the Paul Sauve Arena when the 22-year-old Canadian lightweight champion, Nicky Furlano with a 20-3-1 record, took time out from his scheduled court appearances and unscheduled brawls in public places to get down to the business of defending his title against Gaetan Hart, Quebec, the former 31 year old champion with 42-17-3 record. Both men weighed in at the required 135-pound weight limit and it was estimated that Furlano, who ended up on the wrong end of a split decision after 12 rounds would receive $13,000 for his night's work, with Hart receiving about half of that amount. Prior to the fight there had been some concern that it might be postponed when the news reached Montreal that Furlano had suffered a shoulder injury while training in Miami. No medical reports were issued from Miami by the management of Furlano us to the seriousness of the injury. On March 21st, four days prior to the scheduled fight, Furlano was examined by Dr. L. Leclerc of the Jean Talon Hospital in Montreal, who diagnosed the shoulder injury as tendinitis and said that Furlano would be physically able to carry through with the title fight. Any postponement was ruled out.**

The fight was a rough one all the way. In the past, Hart has been known to cut easy, but against Furlano for the first nine rounds, he used the ring well and stayed out of danger from close-in fighting. At the midway mark of the fight, Hart was slightly ahead on points. There were no knockdowns and the champion, realizing that he was trailing on points, opened up with a fast two-fisted attack in the ninth round. A hard left hand punch by Furlano staggered Hart and opened up a cut over his right eye. The sudden fierce attack by Furlano showed little if any signs of his reported injury. The cornermen did a good job on the cut eye of Hart and he finished the bout without further injury.

Judge Bruno Beaudry had it tabbed 57-56 for he champion with judges Jean Thereaux and Jean Pellerine voting 57-55 and 57-54 respectively for Hart. At the conkpusion of the fight in an interview with reporters, Furlano stated 'It was a close fight but I didn't think I won.' The promoter, Henry Spitzer, new in the Montreal area, made the announcement that the pair would be rematched on April 22nd. Furlano was unaware of any rematch. It is doubtful if such a rematch would be sanctioned by the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation as their egulations call for no return clauses of any kind in championship bouts. With contenders such as Ralph Racine and Johnny Summerhays, both of whom have better professional records than that of Furlano waiting for a championship bout, Furlano's next fight should be against one of these contenders to prove that he deserves a shot at regaining the title.

Willy Featherstone, Montreak, and Marciano Bernardi, New Jersey, had a lively 10 round middleweight bout which ended in a draw.

Returning to ring action after an absence of four years, the former Canadian welterweight champion, Donato Paduano, Montreal, showed very little to get the fans enthused when he stopped one Rick Horan in three rounds. Welterweight Ghyslain Deroy handed Mario Cusson his first loss in 11 bouts by scoring a fifth round K.O. Both are from the Montreal area. In a lightweight six, Tony Salvatore won a unanimous decision over Maurice Deroy.

**▲ MONTREAL — Canadian light heavyweight champion Gary Summerhays, Brantford. set a new record for a Canadian champion in knocking out Eddy Melo, 170⅔, Toronto, making it three times he has defended his national title in three months. Summhays knocked out all three challengers. Prefight predictions by the flambouyant 19-year-old Melo figured that Summerhays, 31, who won the title back in 1973, was too slow and ready to be taken. The promoters had advertised Malo as the "Dead End Kid." They were correct. After the conclusion of the second round, Melo was dead. Melo would have spent his time better had he watched film vpips of Summerhays in action when he fought Mike Rossman and Mike Spinks, both world rated light heavyweights, in the space of 23 days. Melo would have discovered that Summerhays, by no means a "fancy dan" in the ring, is a complete pro, one who can fight as well going backward as he can going forward.**

In the initial round, Summerhays, who has the tendency to feel out his opponent, let Melo take the play away from him while he warmed up for he job he had to do. Storming out for the second round, Melo bounced a hard right hand punch to the top of the champion's head which stunned him. Moving out of range, Summerhays' feet became tangled and he dropped to the canvas. Up quickly and using his experience, Summerhays took the eight count. On resumption, the over eager Melo swarmed infor the kill with another couple of hard shots to the champion. Summerhays took a second count, was up as quickly as he went down, and then proceeded to box his way out of trouble. As far as Melo was concerned, it was the end of the fight for him; he'd shot his bolt. Summerhays had absorbed his best shots and was still around ready to go.

From the third round on, Summerhays took complete control of the fight, methodically taking the inexperienced Melo apart with a stinging left jab and very hard shots to the body. Round after round, Melo was on the receiving end of a stinging left jab, unable to avoid it. So frustrated did Melo become that, in the fifth round, he bit Summerhays in the neck. Referee Deegan warned Melo of the infraction and stated a reoccurance would result in his disqualification. It would have been much better for Melo had he tossed him out there and then as he should have done. It would have saved him from the sound thrashing he received during the next five rounds. At 1:13 of the 11 round, Melo had taken all the punishment he was capable of and fell to his knees to be counted out. When the bout was over, Summerhays was well ahead on points, 48-43. Melo was taken to the hospital after the fearful thrashing he had absorbed for nine rounds. Within 48 hours after his loss, the management of Melo announced that their newly acquired trainer, Cliff McWorter had been fired and that Dave Hilton, a former Canadian featherweight champion, would take over his duties.

On the supporting card, Mario Cusson won his 10th pro bout with a third round K.O. over Brian Afderson. Gerald Bouchard, Montreal, won a split decision after eight rounds against Jimmy Gradson; Toronto. Jean Lapointe, Montreal, had his work cut out to win a decision over Kenny Muse, New Jersey, in a lightweight eight. The crowd was very unhappy with the decisions handed down in the Bouchard and Lapointe fights, and, when the hometown fans boo decisions handed down to local fighters, the officiating may be ready for improvement.

FRANK ALLNUTT

# JAMAICA

**▲ KINGSTON — Dragon Gym — Michael Dewar, Jamaica's 19-year-old welterweight, a surprisingly heavy 152, kept his winning streak alive at eight with a third round knockout over Hector Colon, 155, Dominican Republic, on a five-fight card promoted by Son Baston.**

From the opening bell, Dewar showed poise and a remarkable left jab as he kept the shorter, charging Dominican at bay. Colon's aggressiveness, and bob-weave had no effect on the Jamaican youngster, who picked off his punches and then scored with quick jabs and hooks to the body and head.

After an action packed second round, Dewar came out for the kill, and, at the halfway mark of the third, a powerful Dewar left hook exploded on his head. Hector went down slowly on his back, and there was no doubt that he would not beat the referee's count. Dewar showed lots of class, and is not far from challenging Roy Goss for the latter's Jamaican welterweight title.

In a middleweight eight-rounder, Clive Chamberlain scored an upset.

Clive Chamberlain scored an upset in a middleweight eight-rounder, beating Charlton Bent on points. Osbourne Grinnian and Leslie Mothersil drew, eight, middleweights. Trevor McKenzie, 146, outscored Hubert Blake, 143, six. Denzil Surral TKO'd Anthony Henry in the fourth round of the opener, lightweights.

JACQUES DECHAMPS, JR.

# MEXICO

## BAJA CALIFORNIA

**▲ TIJUANA —** Juan Escobar, 125, TKO'd veteran Jose Sanchez, 127, in six.

## DISTRICTO FEDERAL

**▲ ESTADO DE MEXICO —** Rodolfo "Gato" Gonzalez, 132, a very good prospect, TKO'd Alfredo Pitalua, 132, of Columbia, in the 10th and final round. Juan Graciano, 134, won an unpopular decision over Salvador "Negro" Torres, 131, 10. Rodolfo "Dorado" Martinez, 111, whipped Jose Acosta, 112, 10. Oscar Gomez, 118, stopped Alfredo Martinez, 117, in four. Mauricio Aceves, 118, kayoed Pedro Molina, also 118, in eight.

**▲ MEXICO CITY —** Antonio Avelar, 112, TKO'd Alfonso Lopez, 111, of Panama, in five. Tomas Cuellar, 108, TKO'd Gregorio Kawayashi, 107, in five. Pablo Marquez, 123, won by a disqualification over Silverio Perez, 119.

**▲ MEXICO CITY —** Artemio Ramirez, 119, TKO'd Javier Solis, 118, in seven. Raul "Chamaco" Lopez, 119, TKO'd Felipe "Tigre" Fernandez, also 119, in nine. Juan Atilano, 118, TKO'd Martin Vidal, also 118, in four. Fernando Hernandez, 118, TKO'd Francisco Aguilar, 117, in four. Miro Rosales, 119, TKO'd Neftali Ramirez, 118, in four.

**▲ MEXICO CITY —** Fidencio Gonzalez, 128, decisioned Pablo Ramirez, 127, 10. Rodolfo Ortega, 112, destroyed Pablo Flores, 111, in two. Juan Flores, 111, outpointed Hipolito Hernandez, 112, eight. Filiberto Cuevas, 110, TKO'd Jesus Hernandez, also 110, in one. Lalo Esparza, 114, TKO'd Mario Romero, 116, in two.

**▲ MEXICO CITY —** Ismael Ruiz, 201, outpointed Alfredo "Mongol" Ortiz, 216, 10. Sergio Sanchez, 147, TKO'd veteran Andres Fernandez, also 147, in three. Federico Nunez, 117, and Mario Ochoa, also 117, drew, eight. Jose Garibo, 117, outscored Efrain Zepeda, also 117, six. Francisco Sanchez, 110, outpointed Alberto Garcia, 109, four.

**▲ MEXICO CITY —** Antonio "Toto" Arcos, 125, flattened Silvano "Casanovita" Lopez, also 125, in eight. Juan Hernandez, 135, halted Chucho Ramirez, 136, in two. Fidel Martinez, 111, defeated Bernardino Pena, also 111, eight. Moi Mendez, 146, TKO'd Miguel Landin, 145, in six. Santos Rodriguez, 124, outscored Hilario Cortez, 125, four.

**▲ MEXICO CITY —** Hector (Young Casanova) Medina, 117, outpointed Hector Cortes, also 117, 10. Pepillo Herrera, 111, decisioned Jose Sosa, also 111, 10. Ramon Jimenez, 117, TKO'd Raul Morales, also 117, in three. Juan Robles, 112, won a technical decision over Chay Montes, 113, in seven. Fili Gonzalez, 112, and Chucho Rodriguez, also 112, drew, six.

**▲ MEXICO CITY —** Manuel Luna, 117, TKO'd Raul "Chamaco" Lopez, also 117, in nine. Angel Lira, 118, won a technical decision over Alfonso "Gato" Ramirez, 116 in four. Ramiro Garcia, 117, polished off Javier Esquivel, 119, in two.

## DURANGO

**▲ GOMEZ PALACIO —** Jose Luis Cruz, 112, defeated Rocky Mijares, 111, 12. Alfredo "Cachorro" Hernandez, 112, beat Pedro Flores, also 112, 12, and won the flyweight title of La Laguna. Hector Escalera, 111, TKO'd Felipe "Osito" Morales, 110, in seven.

## GUERRERO

**▲ ACAPULCO —** Luis Castillo, 110, TKO'd Jose Luis Soto, 109 *(not the former Mexican bantamweight champion)*, in four. Pablo Ibarra, 117, TKO'd Eligio Pena, also, 117, in six.

**▲ ACAPULCO —** Lorenzo Alarcon, 147, stopped Claro Guzman, 146, in four. Luis "Vagabundo" Bautista, 146, outscored Alberto Figueroa, also 146, 10. Saul Mairen, 125, polished off Francisco Dorantes, 124, in two. Mauro Cruz, 124, TKO'd Juan Manuel Flores, also 124, in the first round. Francisco Brito, 135, iced Jesus Palma, 136, in one.

**▲ ACAPULCO —** Gabriel Bernal, 112, halted Armando "Palitos" Perez, 111, in five. Candido Telles, 108, demolished Rafael Guerra, also 108, in three. Pedro Herrera, 111, knocked out Felipe Farias, also 111, in three.

## JALISCO

**▲GUADALAJARA —** Rodolfo Valero, 143, TKO'd Francisco Famoso, 146, in three.

## NUEVO LEON

**▲ MONTERREY —** Alberto Lopez, 145, flattened Raul "Coneja" Aguirre, 144, in the 10th and final round. Alejandro Garcia, 119, halted Chano Munoz, 118, in two.

## SINALOA

**▲ LOS MOCHIS —** Jose "Bazookita" Zavala, 108, kayoed Lorenzo Garcia, 107, in the first round. Jose Luis Pizano, 136, knocked out Virgilio Urquidiz, 134, in three. Joel Soto, 118, halted Silverio Perez, 120, in three.

**▲ LOS MOCHIS —** German Torres, 108, outscored Jose "Bazookita" Zavala, 109, 10.

## TAMAULIPAS

**▲ NEUVO LAREDO —** Carlos "Champirin" Cantu, 111, decisioned Jesus Gallegos, 111, 10. Ruben Montes, 122, stopped "Gato" Zavala, 121, in two.

**▲ REYNOSA —** Alfonso "Buho" Rodriquez, 120, outpointed Ausencio "Torito" Melendez, 118, 10.

## VERACRUZ

**▲ COATZACOALCOS —** Benny Arguelles, 125, knocked out former world bantamweight champion Romeo Anaya, also 125, in the fourth round. Ricardo "Finito" Lopez, 111, TKO'd Memo Camacho, 110, in four.

**▲ COATZACOALCOS —** Victor "Guerrerito" Mendez, 109, outpointed Ricardo Lira, 110, 10.

## YUCATAN

**▲ MERIDA —** Juan Herrera, 111, decisioned Roberto "Bobby" Ruiz, 112, 10. Lupe Perez, 145, TKO'd Rafael Rojas, 146, in two. Juan Manuel Vera, 112, kayoed Camilo Ortiz, also 112, in seven. Panchito Sarabia, 116, outscored Ramon Concha, 117, eight. Alfredo Chale, 108, outpointed Miguel Barrera, 107, six.

**▲ MERIDA —** Luis "Puma" Fuente, 135, TKO'd Jose Luis Tapa, also 135, in five. Arturo "Tury" Gonzalez, 112, stopped Jorge Cano, 111, in eight. Eduardo "Lalo" Acosta, 112, and Diego Franco, also 112, drew, 10. Julian Loria, 113, and Adolfo Aviles, 112, drew, six. Fermin Madera, 109, outscored Babe Luis, 108, four.

**▲ VALLADOLID —** Jose Baquedano, 155, polished off Alberto "Pantera" Perez Robinson, 153, in three. Jose Guardian, 112, outpointed Carlos Espinosa, also 112, eight. Ramon Duran, 119, kayoed Miguel Santamaria, 117, in one. Alberto Hoil, 108, outscored Antonio Flota, 110, four. Roger "Dinamita" Mendez, 109, outpointed Kid Cadelita, also 109, four.

EDUARDO AMER G.

# TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**▲ PORT-OF-SPAIN — Jean Pierre Sports Complex — Claude Noel, 136, lightweight champion of Trinidad and**

**Tobago, won a unanimous decision over Jerome Artis, 133, in the 10-round main event.**

Noel dropped Artis with an overhand right to the back of his head in the fifth round, and Artis toko the mandatory eight-count. When the action resumed, Noel's timing was off. He missed often — and badly. Artis was in and out with jabs, and a now-and-then right made Noel look like an amateur.

Artis came out smoking in the final round, but a cramp in his left leg almost collapsed him. Jerome limped to the ropes and gave a masterly display of defensive boxing — slipping punches, riding punches, bobbing and weaving (*with* his cramped leg) to the end.

The scoring was as follows: referee Melchoir Taylor, 47-45; judge Juan Reece, 48-44; judge Ken Laughlin, 48-42; all for Noel. Artis, who was certain he had won, kept shouting "I was robbed." Noel was heckled and booed by the fans.

Patrick Ford, 131, Guyana, outpointed Fernando Jiminez, 129, Santo Domingo, D.R., in another 10-round bout.

Lloyd "Shadow" George, 135½, Trinidad, outscored Roy Smith, 134½, Guyana, eight.

Reginald Ford, 154, Guyana, TKO's Edmund Carter, 155, Trinidad, at 1:17 of the eighth round.

GEORGE C. BECKLES

# SOUTH AMERICA

## ARGENTINA

▲ **MAR DEL PLATA** — Miguel Angel Lazarte, 112¼, won a split decision over Argentina and South American flyweight champion Rodolfo Gregorio Rodriquez, 112¾, 10. This was Lazarte's first victory over Rodriquez in four bouts. Oscar Artaza kayoed Alfredo Peralta, in six, junior welterweights. The card was promoted by Luna Park of Buenos Aires and televised throughout the country.

▲ **LABOULAYE, CORDOBA** — Ramon Allende outpointed Sergio Loyola, 10, junior welters.

▲ **VILLA CARLOS PAZ, CORDOBA** — Localite Adolfo Felice, 123¼, halted Hugo Emer, 122, in four.

▲ **CAFFERATTA** — Youthful prospect Jorge Morello, 152, kayoed Hugo Quieroga, 149½, in five.

▲ **MAR DEL PLATA** — Argentina and South American featherweight champion Juan Domingo Malvares TKO'd Frank Joe of Nicaragua in the fifth round. Malvares, who is in line for a shot at the WBA title held by Esebio Pedroza, sent his opponent to the canvas in rounds one, two, and three.

▲ **SAN MIGUEL** — Juan Alvarenga, 147¼, and Julio Priano, 147½, no contest, one. Faustino Barrios and Ramon Franco drew, eight, junior lightweights. Orlando Franco, 134½, outpointed Norberto Ramirez, 135, six.

▲ **SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY** — Carlos Peralta, 154, outpointed Pablo Ferreyra, 153¼, 10.

▲ **PERGAMINO** — Former Argentine welterweight champion Ricardo "Palito" Magallanes, 153¼, outpointed Hector Caceres, 150, 10.

▲ **GENERAL VILLEGAS** — Miguel Angel Garcia, 147¾, outpointed Carlos Prieto, 145¾, 10.

▲ **MENDOZA** — Unknown Ramon Oviendo, 148, scored a major upset when he won a split decision over Horacio Agustin Saldano, 145¾, 10. Roberto Haider, 124½, kayoed Geronimo Luguez, also 124½, in the second.

▲ **MAR DEL PLATA** — The third night of the "Luna Park in Mar del Plata" series saw Hipolito Nunez, 128, won a split decision over Carlos Ruben Martinetti, 126, 10. Nunez, who had beaten Martinetti in Buenis Aires, sent him to the canvas in the ninth round in this bout. Antonio Perez, 125, and Adolfo Felice, 122¼, drew, eight.

▲ **TUCUMAN** — South American junior lightweight champion Victor Federico Echegary, 132¾, outscored Oscar Arevalo, 133½, 10.

▲ **VILLA CARLOS PAZ, CORDOBA — Stadium** — Former world junior middleweight champion Miguel Angel Castellini, 161¾, and young Julio Arancibia, 162, drew, 10. Arancibia floored Castellini in the second round with a perfect right to the chin.

▲ **SAN NICOLAS** — Carlos Flores Burlon, 172, and Juan Carlos Fernandez, also 172, drew, 10.

▲ **MERCEDES, BUENOS AIRES** — Hugo Fernandez, 128, kayoed Carlos de Leon, also 128, Uruguay, in the fourth round.

▲ **PRESIDENTE ROQUE SAENZ PENA** — Antonio Caro, 158¾, knocked out Hector Altamirano, also 158¾, in the fourth.

▲ **SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY** — Cesar Duarte, 174½, kayoed Alberto Cardozao, 173½, in the eighth round. Hector Rosa, 121½, outpointed Diego Vega Ramirez, 122¾, Paraguay, 10.

▲ **SALTA — Club Stadium** — Ruben Condori outscored Raul "Nico" Perez, 10, flyweights.

▲ **SAN FRANCISCO, CORDOBA** — Hard-hitting Juan "Martillo" Roldan kayoed Roberto Ortiz in the second round, middleweights.

▲ **CIUDADELA** — Jorge Medina, 151¼, outpointed Ramon Quintana, 153¼, 10.

▲ **TANDIL** — Cesar Villarruel kayoed veteran Carlos Totaro in the third round. Villarruel is scheduled for a title shot with Argentine super bantamweight champion Sergio Palma.

▲ **CORONEL PRINGLES** — Hugo Castellano, 135, outpointed Raul Torres, 138¼, 10.

▲ **SAN JUAN** — Oscar Alvarenga TKO'd Manuel Lopez, seven, junior middleweights.

▲ **MAR DEL PLATA** — Roberto Alfaro, 140, scored a major upset when he took a hard 12-round decision over Hugo Luero, also 140, and won the latter's Argentine junior welterweight title. Alfaro is managed by Hector Mora of Mendoza, a former middleweight champion. He showed good style beating Luero, who retained his South American title. Federico Baez, 135½, and Miguel Barraza, also 135½, no contest.

▲ **MONTE HERMOSO** — Antonio Juarez, 146½, outpointed Raul Paz, 145, 10.

▲ **PRESIDENTE ROQUE SAENZ PENA** — Victor Escobar, 133½, kayoed Juan Carlos Alvarez, 130½, in the third round.

▲ **SALTA** — Hector Patri, 110, outpointed Federico Condori, 114¾, 10. Luis Alvarez kayoed Urbano Villalba in the second, super bantamweights.

▲ **TANDIL** — Jorge Conti, 147, kayoed Hector Rosales, also 147, in the sixth round. Jorge Garcia, 152, outpointed Juan Valdez, also 152.

▲ **CAMILO ALDAO** — Pedro Burki, 127, outscored veteran Faustino Barrios, 128, 10.

▲ **TUCUMAN — Defensores de Villa Lujan Ring** — Young prospect Domingo Aragon, 113, Rosario, TKO'd Luis Gomez, also 113, in the seventh.

▲ **SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY** — Patricio Diaz, 158¾, Mendoza, outpointed Rogelio Zarza, also 158¾, 10.

▲ **VILLA CARLOS PAZ, CORDOBA** — Adolfo Felice and Raul "Nico" Perez drew, 10, super bantamweights.

CARLOS IRUSTA

## GUYANA

▲ **GEORGETOWN — Ivor (Baba) Simmons, 153⅔, outclassed Keith (Bomber) Williams, 154, in the 10-round main event.**

Simmons, a challenger of Commonwealth and Guyana junior middleweight champion Kenny Bristol, took command from the word "go," and battered the Bomber in a battle this correspondent thought should have been stopped by referee Bertrand Adams in the seventh. At one stage in the seventh round, a vicious right hook sent Williams literally flying out of the ring unto the apron. It was a long night for Williams.

Albert Browne, 153½, won a unanimous decision over James Bernard, also 153½, in the 10-round co-feature.

Keith (Creature) Adams, 140, won a decision over Clifford (Piggy) Griffith, 139, eight. Dennis Dalrymple, 128, survived a fourth round knockdown to win a split duke over Christopher Bowen, also 128, six. Mark Miller, 130, won a split nod over Grimmond Rodriguez, 128, six. Samuel Brutus, 116, kayoed Oswald Bowen, also 116, in the second round.

Attendance — 12,000.

LLOYD W. BLACKMOORE

# EUROPE

Berlin — European champions have been extremely busy here on the continent, which, of course, delighted the local fight fans. Jo Kimpuani, France, made successful defenses of his junior welterweight crown beating Spaniards Perico Fernandez and Christian Garcia on points over 12 rounds. He also found time to fit in American Eddy Campbell, whom he disposed of in two rounds. Kimpuani, who joined the professional ranks in 1971 after losing only one of his 72 amateur bouts, has now won 52 of his 54 starts. He is the 20th champion in this division, which has provided 40 title fights.

Johnny Owen of Wales avenged the only blemish on his record when he dethroned European bantamweight champion Juan Rodriguez (31), Spain, winning the 12-rounder on points. In their first encounter, a year ago, Owen was the loser on a home-town decision in Spain. This time, the Welshman was at home and Rodriguez was having his first engagement abroad. Owen is the 13th Briton to wear the crown since Joe Bowker reigned in 1910. It was the division's 107th bout and Owen is the 44th champion. Referee Max Strangfeld, Denmark, judges Angelo Poletti, Italy, and Edmond Meulenberg, Belgium, all scored in favor of Owen, 120-115, 119-117 and 119-115, respectively.

Robert Castanon, featherweight, Europe's longest-reigning champion (he won the crown in December, 1977 and has made seven defenses, beat challenger and fellow Spaniard Evilio Barcala, winning on points over 12 rounds.

German heavyweight champion Bernd August defended his title against Harry Friedel, winning in five rounds, and Spanish middleweight champion Alfio Naveiras beat Jose Alvarez. Spanish bantamweight champion Esteban Eguia stopped Vincent Rodriguez in five. Italian junior welterweight champion Giuseppe Martinese halted Luciano Navarra, in two frames.

The European heavyweight throne is vacant. Italian Lorenzo Zanon lost the title when he decided to meet Larry Holmes for the WBC world crown. Second best Italian Alfio Righetti, who had drawn with Zanon, lost to American Terry Mims in one round. (Mims had not won a fight since 1978.) Al Syben, Belgium, undefeated in 27 bouts and a hot tip to win the European crown, was sensationally beaten by fellow countryman Rudi Gauwe, who is now to meet Briton John L. Gardner for the vacant crown.

Zanon was the first Italian to fight for the world heavyweight crown since Primo Carnera won the title, beating Jack Sharkey in 1933. The hope of a world heavyweight champion coming from Europe is as far away as it ever was.

## BELGIUM

▲ **ZELE** — Junior middleweights: Clemente Tshinza, Zaire, and Briton Steve Hopkin, drew, 10.

▲ **TORHOUT** — Heavyweights: Jean Pierre Coopman decisioned Briton Denton Ruddock, 10. Coopman, having his first win in four bouts, was considered lucky by most to get the verdict.

## DENMARK

▲ **RANDERS** — Welterweights: Hans Henrik Palm, Denmark, kayoed Briton Achille Mitchell, six, to bring his score to 30 wins. Palm, as an amateur, lost to Russian Solomin in the Montreal Olympics. Junior middleweights: Torben Andersen, Denmark, TKO'd Albert Hillman, four, to score his 12th win. Heavyweights: Winston Allen TKO'd Peter Holm, three. Flyweights: Stephan Muchoki decisioned Emilio Pireddu, eight. Bantams: Michael Irungu, Muchoki's 21-year-old kid brother, making his pro debut, TKO'd Luigi Tessarin, two.

▲ **ODENSE** — Light heavyweights: Mustapha Wasajja, Uganda, based in Denmark, outscored Spain's Avenamar Peralta (37), eight. Peralta has had nearly 150 professional fights. Welters: Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, the sixth Dane to win a European crown, kayoed Jose Ramirez, seven. Junior middleweights: Torben Andersen, Denmark, undefeated in 14 fights, outscored Mimoun Mohatar (30), eight. Bantamweights: Mike Irungu, Kenya, outscored Martin Antich (30), Spain, six. Middles: Poul Baekgaard, Denmark, who scored five wins last year, decisioned Ignacio Gorostidi, Spain, four. Featherweights: Steve Muchoki, Kenya, outscored Marciano Garcia, Spain, eight.

## FRANCE

▲ **SAINT MALO** — Welterweights: Lichi Maudoze TKO'd Yves Giroux, three.

▲ **TROYES** — Middleweights: Jean Philippe Truchelut outpointed Serge Sinelnikov, six.

▲ **UIGNEUX** — Junior lightweights: Jamel Benmeziane decisioned Vincent Cipolla, Belgium, six.

▲ **CAEN** — Bantamweights: Dominque Piedelau TKO'd Salvatore Laconi, four.

▲ **VALENCE** — Junior lightweights: Charles Jurietti beat Natale Carrede, who retired in the third.

▲ **CALAIS** — Middleweights: Michel Pagani kayoed Willie

Taylor, U.S.A., two. Welters: Thierry Sario kayoed Sam Lation, U.S.A., one. Francis Bailleul outscored Lucien Campo, eight.

▲ **NICE** — Welterweights: Louis Acaries outpointed Costa Azevedo, 10. Junior middleweights' Georges Warusfel outpointed Jose Hernandez Garcia, 10.

▲ **MAUBEUGE** — Middleweights: Jean Luc Lami decisioned Philippe Truchelut, six. Middleweights: Ignacio Gorostide kayoed Paul Payon, three.

▲ **METZ** — Junior middles: Maurice Renaud and Andre Mungalena, Luxembourg, drew. six.

▲ **RUMILLY** — Middleweights: Mario Noselli kayoed Gabriel Maillard, Switzerland, three.

▲ **BORDEAUX** — Middleweights: Angulo Pufino outpointed Maurizio da Cruz, Brazil, eight. Junior middles: Stephane Ferrara outscored Patrick Babouram, six.

▲ **ARGENTEUIL** — Light heavyweights: Jean Louis Martin, undefeated so far, got off the canvas in round five to outscore Sonny Kamunga, Zaire, eight. Junior welters: Lucien Campo outpointed Mutuawle Kibassa, six. Junior welters: Sona Kabore outpointed Pierre Koenig, four.

▲ **PARIS** — Light heavyweights: Hocine Tafer TKO'd Fausto Quinales in the first minute of round two. It was Tafer's first bout in the capital, and he impressed. Welterweights: Richard Rodriguez beat Ray Chavez on points, eight. Rodriguez took a standing count of eight in round one, but was never in any danger of losing after that. Middleweights: Ignacio Gorostio outscored Johnny Cooper, six. Welters: Ivor Segor, France, narrowly outscored Jose Ramirez, eight.

▲ **CALAIS** — Middleweights: Michel Pagani beat Errol McKenzie, who was disqualified in round three.

▲ **PARIS** — Heavyweights: Sylvain Watbled, France, decisioned Briton Tommy Kiely, 10.

▲ **DUNKIRK** — European junior welterweight champion Jo Kimpuani, France, knocked out American Eddy Campbell in two rounds. Junior middles: Frenchman Fred Coranson outscored Briton George Walker, eight. Dan M'Putu decisioned Najib Daho, eight.

▲ **METZ** — Andre Mungelema, Luxembourg, and Maurice Renaud, France, drew. six.

▲ **COMPIEGNE** — Andre Mungelema, Luxembourg, caused a sensation, stopping Frenchman Robert Amory, two. Three lefts and a right cross and Amory was bleeding badly from his right eye, causing the third man to call a halt.

▲ **VILLEURBAUNE** — Lightweights: Albert Amatler, making a comeback, outscored Alain Lefol, 10. Junior welters: Frederic Boissy decisioned Pax Kibassa Maliba, six.

▲ **MARSEILLE** — Light heavyweights: Richard Caramanois outscored Bujan Zverzina, Yugoslavia, six.

▲ **LE MANS** — Junior lightweights: Jean Michel Kante outpointed Robert van Rompacy, six.

▲ **CRIEL** — Featherweights: Gerard Jacob decisioned Murphy Raga, Italy, eight. Junior middleweights: Patrich Babouram and Johnny Cooper drew six.

▲ **CALAIS** — Lightweights: Francis Bailleul outpointed Gilbert Helluin, eight. Welters: Musosa Zhora, Italy, decisioned Hugaes Samo, eight. Middles: Michel Pagani TKO'd Fernandez Cruz, Brazil, five.

▲ **ST. MAUR** — Welterweights: Claude Lancastre outscored Dennis Price (GB) eight.

▲ **ARGENTEUIL** — Light heavyweights: Jean Louis Martin TKO'd Jose Centa, Yugoslavia, 10. Junior welterweights: Lucien Campo TKO'd Jovic Boro, Yugoslavia, seven.

▲ **LIBREVILLE** — Middleweights: Jose Lozano surprisingly beat Jean Marie Emebe, rated ninth by the WBC, who was disqualified in round four. Lozano has now won 14 of his 19 bouts.

▲ **TARBES** — Middleweights: Pierre Joly outpointed Idrissa Konate, eight.

▲ **COMPEIGNE** — Junior welters: Jacques Hoffman and Michel Hulin drew, six.

▲ **VITRY LE FRANCOIS** — Junior middleweights: Cachana Musasa, Italy, TKO'd Privier Fiot, three.

▲ **PARIS** — Welterweigvys: Ronald Zanon outpointed Joey Mack, Great Britain, 10. Mack was decked by rights in round seven on two occasions. Briton Bingo Crooks outscored Maurice Fico, eight.

## GERMANY

▲ **LUBECK** — 1,700 saw promoter Peter Siemonds' show, which featured a German heavyweight title fight between champion Bernd August and Harry Friedel, which the champion won in round five by way of a K.O. August, a professional since 1973, has won 26 and drawn 2 of his 33 bouts.

Light heavyweights: Walter Nickel (26), Germany TKO'd Turk Cemal Kurnazcan, two. Middles: Rudiger Bitterling (25) TKO'd fellow German Klaus Hein (25), two. This was Bitterling's seventh win. Middleweights: Frank Wissenbach (24), Germany, TKO'd Yugoslav Josef Biberovic (25), eight. Wissenbach has lost only two of his 31 starts, including a win over former world champion Vito Antuofermo. Light heavyweights: Claude Calanda, Zaire, was knocked out by German Erwin Heiber (23), Germany, five. Heiber has lost only one of his 14 pro starts.

▲ **DUSSELDORF** — Only 400 attended promoter Ottmar Graf's show. In the main event, German light heavy George Steinherr, who has only one defeat in 18 bouts, kayoed Josef Biberovic, Yugoslavia, two. Middleweights: Mauro Valentino, Italy, outpointed German Horst Schule, four. Middleweights: Rudiger Bitterling, Germany, scored his eighth win with a decision over fellow German Josef Kossmann, a southpaw, six. Middles: German Reiner Kober (25) outscored Italian Giampaolo Piras, four.

## ITALY

▲ **ANCONA** — Welterweights: Vittorio Conte TKO'd Amar Olivio, six.

▲ **CREMONA** — Junior lightweights: Giancarlo Compiani outscored Incaio Compiani, six. Giorgio Pipia decisioned Vincenzio Morana, six.

▲ **GENOVA** — Welterweights: Giuseppe Semilia TKO'd Filiberto Zacheo, four. Fabio Mannai outpointed Antonio Pocai, six.

▲ **BOLOGNA** — Heavyweights: Terry Minns, U.S.A., kayoed Alfio Righetti, Italy, one. Junior welters: Roberto Masini decisioned Antonio Sandrin, six. Welters: Ernesto Ros TKO'd Antonio Stocchino, six. Daniele Zappaterra TKO'd Mauro La Cruz, five. Lightweights: Lucio Cusma TKO'd Alfonso Carrillo, six.

▲ **VITERBO** — Giuseppe Martinese held on to his junior welter title, knocking out Luciano Navarea, two. Middles: Nicola Cirelli outscored Maurizio Da Cruz, eight.

▲ **OSTIA** — Middleweights: Roberto Felicioni outscored Roy Kaba, eight. Junior middles: Ben Saad Salah decisioned Augusto Lauri, eight.

## LUXEMBOURG

▲ **LUXEMBOURG** — Some 650 were shocked to see their local matador and official challenger for Rudi Koopmans' European light heavyweight crown, Fred Serres, lose on points over six rounds to Mandu Refaid, Egypt. Serres took a standing count of eight in round four. Refaid, the 1977 military world champion based in Austria, was a substitute for the sick French champion, Robert Amory. Light heavyweights: Mushapatu Kabangu, Zaire, based in Paris, had his first taste of victory in four years, beating fellow countryman Pierre Kabassu, residing in Luxembourg, who retired with a dislocated right shoulder in round five.

## SPAIN

▲ **SANTANDER** — Bantamweights: Esteban Eguia TKO'd Antonio Garcia, four. Welters: Emilio Molero TKO'd Melian Siera, Middleweights: Scassino Ferreira TKO'd Jorge Sala, three. Junior lights: Torito Gomez decisioned Emilio Bacala, eight.

▲ **BILBAO** — Jo Kimpuani, France, retained his European junior welterweight title, outscoring Perico Fernandez, 12. Middleweights: Andoni Amans TKO'd George Lee, six. Heavyweights: Ali Lusaka TKO'd Hocine Niare. Junior welters: Young Marin and Mohammed Chino drew, six.

▲ **LUGO** — Alfro Naveiras held on to his Spanish middle title knocking out Jose Alvarez.

▲ **LAS PALMAS** — Junior lightweights: Ramon Garcia Marichal and Carlos Hernandez drew eight.

▲ **SANTANDER** — Esteban Eguia retained his Spanish bantam title stopping Vicente Rodriguez, five. Middles: Scassino Ferreira Manuel Sanchez, two. Feathers: Torito Gomez TKO'd Francisco Kiko, six.

▲ **TENERIFE** — Junior welterweights: Garcia Requena knocked out Gonzalez Monzon, seven.

▲ **BILBAO** — Welterweights: Adoni Amana, Spain, outscored Briton Henry Rhiney, 10.

JACK A. TREE

## EUROPEAN RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Championship: Vacant
1. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
2. Alfio Righetti (I)
3. John L. Gardner (GB)
4. Rudi Gauwe (B)
5. Alfredo Evangelista (S)
6. Sylvain Watbled (F)
7. Al Syben (B)
8. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
9. Felipe Rodriquez (S)
10. Tony Moore (GB)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion: Rudi Koopmans
1. John Conteh (GB)
2. Mate Parlov (Y)
3. Hocine Tafer (F)
4. Bunny Johnson (GB)
5. David Conteh (GB)
6. Avenamar Peralta (S)
7. Ennio Cometti (I)
8. Karl Canwell (GB)
9. Christano Cavina (I)
10. Dennis Andries (GB)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion: Kevin Finnegan (GB)
1. Alan Minter (GB)
2. Gratien Tonna (F)
3. Tony Sibson (GB)
4. Matteo Salvemini (I)
5. Roy Gumbs (GB)
6. Frank Wissenbach (G)
7. George Steinherr (G)
8. Frankie Lucas (GB)
9. Gilbert Cohen (F)
10. Alfredo Naveiras (S)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion: Marijan Benes (Y)
1. Maurice Hope (GB)
2. Pat Thomas (GB)
3. Damiano Lassandro (I)
4. Steve Hopkin (GB)
5. Luigi Michillo (I)
6. Jimmy Batten (GB)
7. Georges Warusfel (F)
8. Jose Hernandez (S)
9. Adoni Amana (S)
10. Claude Martin (F)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion: Jorgen Hansen (D)
1. Dave Green (GB)
2. Hans Henrik Palm (D)
3. Kirkland Laing (GB)
4. Pierre Angelo Piras (I)
5. Louis Acaries (F)
6. Alois Carmeliet (B)
7. Giovanni Molesini (I)
8. Colin Jones (GB)
9. Richard Rodriguez (S)
10. Carlos Morales (S)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion: Jo Kimpuani (F)
1. Clinton McKenzie (GB)
2. Sylvester Mittee (GB)
3. Des Morrison (GB)
4. Giuseppe Martinese (I)
5. Colin Powers (GB)
6. Perico Fernandez (S)
7. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
8. Fernando Sanchez (S)
9. Winston Spencer (GB)
10. Christian Garcia (F)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Championship: Vacant
1. Jim Watt (GB)
2. Charlie Nash (GB)
3. Ray Cattouse (GB)
4. Ken Buchanan (GB)
5. Francisco Leon (S)
6. Jose Louis Heredia (S)
7. Giancarlo Usai (I)
8. Manuel Velasquez (S)
9. Vincenzo Quero (I)
10. Dave McCabe (GB)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion: Carlos Hernandez (S)
1. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
2. Ramon Merichal (S)
3. Charles Jurietti (F)
4. Maurice Apeang (F)
5. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
6. Aristide Pizzo (I)
7. Isidor Cabeza (S)
8. Nino Jimenez (S)
9. Cosimo Lavino (I)
10. Bruno De Montis (I)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion: Roberto Castanon (S)
1. Pat Codwell (GB)
2. Cecilio Lastra (S)
3. Dave Needham (GB)
4. Jimmy Flint (GB)
5. Manuel Masso (S)
6. Alfredo Mules (I)
7. Salvatore Meliuzzo (I)
8. Laurent Grimbert (F)
9. Potito Di Muro (I)
10. Natale Caredia (I)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion: Johnny Owen (GB)
1. Juan Francico Rodriguez (S)
2. Estaban Eguia (S)
3. John Feeney (GB)
4. Vincente Rodriguez (S)
5. Luis De La Sagra (S)
6. Valerio Nati (I)
7. Davey Lamour (GB)
8. Giuseppe Fossati (I)
9. Guy Caudron (F)
10. Dave Smith (GB)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion: Charlie Magri (GB)
1. Manuel Carrasco (S)
2. Giovanni Camutaro (I)
3. Rodriguez Cal (S)
4. Sabatino DeFilippo (I)
5. Paolo Castrovilli (I)
6. Emilio Pireddu (I)
7. Mariano Garcia (S)
8. Mario Bitetto (I)
9. Filippo Belvedere (I)
10. Jaime Lozano (S)

*Legend: (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) Finland; (G) Germany;(GB) Great Britain; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxembourg; (N) Norway; (S) Spain; (Sd) Switzerland; (Y) Yugoslavia.*

## THE BRITISH ISLES

**ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON** — This was the fight to which everyone had looked forward for a long time — the fight that brought a record £21,000 purse. And champion Pat Cowdell, 124, kept his British featherweight title by beating Jimmy Flint, 126, who was retired by his corner at the end of round 11.

This was the boxer versus the fighter. And boxer Cowdell won in fine style against a man who had a record of only one defeat in 22 bouts and who had won a large percentage inside the distance.

Cowdell controlled this one, but up to the final stages, when Flint looked very weary, the latter was always striving to bring over the pay-off punch that had brought him so much success, and he deserved full credit for his efforts.

This was one fight in which courage was not enough against a champion with such a talented left hand. Cowdell had previously had two hard fights against Dave Needham, first taking the title from Dave, then defending it against the same opponent. But, against Flint, he gave a superlative performance.

Jimmy looked promising in the early stages,

and, at the end of four rounds, Cowdell was bleeding from the nose, and had a swelling over the left eye.

Yet these handicaps didn't affect the champ, who jabbed, hooked, and countered, beating his man to the punch, and sometimes scoring in the ratio of two or three punches to one.

From round five, Cowdell stepped up the pace, and appeared to be punching harder than his opponent. In the seventh, especially, Pat showed his superiority with hard right hands to the head, forcing his man to back into a corner.

Flint had to concentrate on defense, always difficult for a puncher who wants to come in and throw leather. But Jimmy had to play it Pat's way, and that was the story of the fight.

A Flint right hand in round nine raised the hopes of his supporters, but this success was only momentary. Even a graze under the left eye in the following session didn't bother the champ, as he sat about lining up his man for a stoppage.

Flint was still there, still brave, still doing his best to punch it out in the early part of each round, but then he tired, and Cowdell took over to deal out more punishment.

By round 11, Flint's legs wouldn't carry him either forward or backwards, and Cowdell coolly picked his punches. He was driving his man against the ropes at the bell.

Immediately after the round ended manager Terry Lawless called over referee Roland Dakin and Flint's retirement was accepted.

Afterwards, Cowdell paid tribute to Flint as one of the most courageous fighters he had ever met, and there could be no doubting this. It just wasn't Jimmy's night, but a fighter is only as good as his opponent allows him to be, and Pat had called the tune.

British light-welterweight champion Clinton McKenzie outpointed Midlands Area titleholder Roger Guest, his second win over Guest in two months. Points score was 80-76½ after eight rounds, indicating that McKenzie had not lost a round.

McKenzie's crown was not at stake in this bout, both men being inside 146 but above 140.

British welter champ Kirkland Laing beat Colin Ward, Northampton, the bout being stopped in round five of this overweight contest, both being inside 156 but above 147.

Laing boxed under the handicap of an injured right hand in round one, so he concentrated on his left jab to chalk up the points. He was outboxing his man when he switched to the uppercut to put Ward down in round five.

When Colin got up, his right eye was cut, and the referee intervened.

Winston Spencer, Walworth, 138, outscored Chris Sanigar, Bristol, 138, over eight by 79-77½. Spencer injured his left shoulder, and was cut on the right eyebrow. Saniger was cut by both eyes, and tired towards the close.

Stan McDermott, Basildon, 224, did his reputation a bit of good by beating former Commonwealth amateur champion Joe Awome, Golders Green, the bout being stopped after the latter had been down three times in round three.

Awome had previously been rated the number 8 contender, and McDermott number 12.

In another heavyweight encounter, Andy Palmer, Liverpool, 199½, beat David Fry, 216, Wimborne, who retired at the end of round three with injuries by both eyes.

It was only Fry's second contest in nearly two and a half years, but he was still on his feet when the closure came.

Chris Christian, Stoke Newington, 147¾, outpointed Colin Derrick, Bethnal Green, 147¾, over six by the narrow margin of 59-58½.

▲ **Cunard International Hotel, London** — Joey Singleton, former British light welter champion, 145¾, took a firm step towards attaining another national title by outpointing champion Terry Petersen, Leeds, over 10 rounds to annex the Central Area welterweight crown.

Points margin was 99½-96½, and this did not flatter Singleton in any way.

Joey completely outboxed his man, setting him up with stiff jabs, bringing his right into play more as the fight progressed. At times, he was outpunching his man in the ratio of three to one.

Petersen never stopped trying, survived a few anxious moments, and staged a late rally in rounds eight and nine, only to be forced to give way in the final session. But he was never off his feet.

Handicapped by a cut over the left eye, Joey had to take a few hard right hands, but was always in command. The injury needed four stitches, and prevented him from meeting Clinton McKenzie, and current British light welter champ, at the Albert Hall a fortnight later.

George Feeney, Hartlepool, 136, outscored veteran Bingo Crooks, Wolverhampton, 135, over eight by 79-77½. It was their third meeting, and the second time that Feeney had won on points.

Feeney kept up the pressure throughout, and Crooks soon had a swelling by the left eye. However, after a typical Crooks counterattack, George's left eye was cut and his cheek bruised.

An excellent contest, both men punching hard at a lively pace.

Mick Chmilowskyz, Dagenham, 198, beat Kenny March, 208½, the bout being stopped in round two after March had been decked.

Tony Britton, Lewisham, 158½, outpointed Alan Cable, Croydon, 160, over eight by 79½-78.

▲ **National Sporting Club, London** — Even in these days of inflation, £93 sterling is a sizeable amount of nobbins, but generous patrons tossed in this amount after Barry (Kid) Price and Charlie Brown had boxed an excellent draw over eight punch-packed rounds.

When they met two weeks previously, Price won on points, and, on this occasion, the latter was down in round seven but survived. Brown looked disappointed, but, in spite of the knockdown, the result looked a fair one, with credit to both men for honest endeavour.

Gary Pearce, Newport, 143, outrpointed Derek Nelson, Sunderland, 144, by the narrow margin of 78½-78 after eight. Fortunes fluctuated, as each had their moments, and there was little in it at any period.

Dai Woods, Cardiff, 162, drew with Martin Francis, Ealing, 163, over six.

Doug James, Swansea, 159½, kayoed Harry Watson, St. Ives, 161, halfway through round one with a right hand that put his man down for the full count and quite a few seconds more.

▲ **20th Century Sporting Club, Southend** — Dave Laxen, Ruispil, drew with Alex Irvine in a lightweight contest. A good eight-rounder with nothing between them.

Also over eight rounds, Earl Edwards, Chiswick, outscored Jimmy Ellis, Sheffield, in a middleweight bout. Some disagreed with this verdict.

Dave Allen, Sheffield, outpointed Vic Jackson, Nigeria, based in Hackney, over eight in a welter contest.

Bantam Glen Rhodes, Sheffield, outscored John Cooper, Mitcham, over six. Rhodes was a convincing winner, and Cooper was afterwards taken to the hospital as a precaution after complaints of feeling dizzy. He was examined, but found to be O.K. and sent home.

▲ **Wolverhampton Sporting Club** — Romel Ambrose, 161¼, kept his Midlands Area middleweight title by outscoring Martin McEwan, Birmingham, 157¾, over 10 by 98½-97.

Things might have been different had not McEwan been cut over the left eye after a clash of heads in round seven. He seemed ready to take control when this happened, but subsequently had to pay more attention to defense than attack.

Ambrose took full advantage of his opponent's handicap, and staged a last round attack, throwing his man to the canvas in an effort to extricate himself when McEwan held on.

Debutant Larry MacDonald, Tottenham, 234, outpointed Terry O'Connor, Birmingham, 243, over eight by 79-78. The former's aggression won him through in this battle of very heavy men.

Jarvis Greenidge, Birmingham, 132, avenged a previous defeat by outscoring Steve Parker, Nottingham, 133, over six by 58½-58. The latter was down in round five.

Debutant Steve Topliss, Derby, 126, looked good in outscoring Don Aegesen, Birmingham, over six by 60-58, not losing a round.

Mohammed Ali, Stonebridge, 160½, survived a knockdown in round three to draw with Jim Fenwick, Torquay, 161, over four.

▲ **Fiesta Nite Spot, Sheffield** — Herol Graham, Sheffield, 155½, outpointed Glen McEwan, Birmingham, 156½, over eight by 79-78. It was Graham's 12th win in a row, and he put his man on the canvas with the very first punch of the fight.

However, McEwan got up to furnish strong opposition, and shook his opponent in round four with a right hand. Graham deserved his victory, but was extended all the way.

Mick Mills, Rotherham, 152, beat Carl Bailey, Manchester, 151, the referee intervening halfway through round five after Bailey had been decked.

Glen Rhodes, Sheffield, 131, outscored Bill Smith, Newcastle, 134, over four by 40-38½, not losing a round.

Ronnie Rathbone, Sheffield, 145, outpointed Dave Sullivan, Plymouth, over six, the former being the busier of the two in a good scrap.

Walter Clayton, Sheffield, gained a close points win over Norman Morton, Newcastle, in a lightweight bout. Scoreline: 79-78½ over eight.

▲ **Eurocrest Hotel, Wembley** — John F. Kennedy, Draycott, 151, stopped Dave Southwell, Cardiff, 152, in round two. A left hook did the trick, with Dave getting up at eight but being unable to defend himself.

Peter Simon, Battersea, 163½, drew with Earl Edwards, Clapham, over eight in a real crowd-pleaser that brought nobbins from the fans. It was punch-for-punch throughout. Simon must have been well satisfied, for when they met before, Edwads won on points.

Kevin Smart, Caerphilly, 113½, boxed beautifully to outscore Iggy Jano, Kingston, 117½, over six by 60-57, winning every round.

A couple of debutants served up a fine contest over four rounds, with Mike Burton, London, 164, outpointing Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 167, over four by 40-38½.

▲ **Anglo-American Sporting Club, Liverpool** — Terry Matthews, Swansea, 158, outpointed Peter Bassey, Mancheser, 158, over eight by 79-78.

Bassey was down in round two from a right cross.

An excellent contest, and a hot pace throughout.

Danny McLoughlin, Manchester, 175, kayoed Steve Babbs, Swansea, 176, in round four with a left hook. There was never any likelihood that the latter would beat the count.

Nigel Savory, Leeds, 176, beat debutant Joe Frater, Grimsby, 174½, the bout being stopped in round three. Frater went halfway through the ropes in the previous session, and was twice decked in the following round.

Ronnie Rathbone, Sheffield, 138, drew with John Lindo, Bradford, 137¾, over six.

▲ **Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester** — Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 146, beat Lee Hartshorn, Manchester, 147, who had to retire at the end of round two after a punch from Varden had pushed a tooth through his lower lip.

With Varden previously rated the number 11 welter contender in Britain and Hartshorn number 14, a close fight had been anticipated, and that's probably the way it would have turned out had it not been for the latter's injury.

Hartshorn impressed in the opening round, but then came that tooth incident, and his cornermen did not appear to want him to come out for round two. However, he did so, and slammed away with both hands, putting everything into an attempt to win it there and then.

But Varden stayed with him, and, eventually, Hartshorn was warned for "butting." This was virtually the end, and the injury was too severe for him to continue.

Winston Ho-Shing, Sheffield, 136, outpointed Dave Ransden, Manchester, 137, over six by 59½-57½. The latter was down in round five.

Peter Bassey, Manchester, 156, boxed well to outscore Tony Britton, Lewisham, 155½, over six by 59½-58.

Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 142, gained a six-round points win over game Pat Smythe, Gainsborough, 146. Scoreline: 59½-58½. By the end of round three, it looked as if it might be stopped, but Pat fought back in commendable fashion.

▲ **Lewisham Concert Hall, London** — Steve Lewin, Streatham, 169, beat Joey Williams, Poplar, 174, the bout being stopped in round four when the latter was cut over the right eye.

Lewin thus confirmed a previous win. When they met before, the contest produced nobbins. A pity an eye injury should have caused a premature stoppage on this occasion.

Mickey Mapp, Charlton, 150, kept his unbeaten record by outscoring Jeff Lee, Millwail, over eight by 78½-78. A hard scrap, with little in it throughout.

Martin Nee, Paddington, 213, kayoed Ron McClean, Shepherds Bush, 235, in round three with a right to the chin.

John O'Neill, Swansea, 180, beat Leny Remice, Btockley, 176, the referee intervening in round three after Lenny's nose had been injured.

Mike Burton, South Norwood, 166, outpointed Casey McAllum, Croydon, by 40-38½ over four, not losing a round.

A collection was made for the family of the late Liverpool heavyweight Les McGowan, who died from leukemia, and the fans contributed the sum of £629.

▲ **National Sporting Club, London** — Ricky Beaumont, Hull, 140¼, outpointed Tommy Davitt, Kentish Town, 141½, over eight by the narrow margin of 78½-78.

When they met over three years ago, Beaumont was making his pro debut and won on points. They met again a week later, with Davitt winning on an eye injury.

Malcolm Heath, Hull, 164, outscored Martin Francis, Ealing, 163½, over eight by 79½-77. No doubt about the winner, but Heath finished with his right eye bruised and a nosebleed.

Debutant Joey Wainwright, Hull, 125½, impressed in outpointing Brindley Jones, Swansea, 124½, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round.

Colin Wake, Hull, 139½, beat Michael Le Grange, Southampton, 140, the bout being stopped in round four after the latter was being caught with right hands without retaliating.

▲ **Anglo-American Sporting Club, London** — Chris Lawson, Cardigan, 172¾, who formerly boxed under the name of Danny Miller, drew with Danny Lawford, Manchester, 177, over eight.

Lawford's grandstand finish in the last two rounds earned

## BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
John L. Gardner (E)
1. Trevor Berbick (C)
2. Billy Aird (E)
3. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
4. Tommy Kiely (E)
5. Tony Moore (E)
6. Steve Aczel (A)
7. Gordon Ferris (I)
8. Neville Meade (E)
9. David Pearce (W)
10. George Scott (E)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Z)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Mustapha Wasajja (U)
3. Bunny Johnson (E)
4. David Conteh (E)
5. Gary Summerhays (C)
6. Tony Mundine (A)
7. Ernie Barr (B)
8. Stan Bogovic (A)
9. Al Gattling (A)
10. Dennis Andries (E)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tony Sibson (E)
1. Ayub Kalule (U)
2. Alan Minter (E)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)
4. Chisanda Mutti (Z)
5. Fernand Marcotte (C)
6. Roy Gumbs (E)
7. Frankie Lucas (St. Vin.)
8. Scorpion Ofosu (G)
9. Monty Betham (NZ)
10. Wally Carr (A)

**LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Kenny Bristol (Gu)
1. Maurice Hope (E)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
4. Jimmy Batten (E)
5. Elisha Obed (B)
6. Steve Hopkin (E)
7. Prince Rodney (E)
8. Neil Pattel (A)
9. Phil Davies (A)
10. Herol Graham (E)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. Chris Clarke (C)
3. Kirkland Laing (E)
4. Josef Nsubuga (U)
5. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
6. Hector Thompson (A)
7. Eddie Marcelle (T)
8. Lachie Austin (A)
9. Steve Dennis (A)
10. Colin Jones (W)

**LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (N)
1. Lennox Blackmoore (Gu)
2. Jeff Malcolm (A)
3. Clinton McKenzie (E)
4. Des Morrison (E)
5. Sylvester Mittee (St. Lucia)
6. Colin Power (E)
7. Andy Broome (A)
8. Fitzroy Giuseppe (T)
9. Joey Gibilisco (A)
10. Frank Ropis (A)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Hogan Jimoh (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Charlie Nash (I)
3. Claude Noel (T)
4. Ralph Racine (C)
5. Ray Cattouse (E)
6. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)
7. Nick Furlano (C)
8. Gaetan Hart (C)
9. John Muwunga (U)
10. Dave McCabe (S)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. Pat Cowdell (E)
2. Dave Needham (E)
3. Jimmy Flint (E)
4. Patrick Forde (Gu)
5. Les Pickett (W)
6. Brian Roberts (A)
7. Nick LoBianco (A)
8. Roger Henry (A)
9. Henry Saddler (G)
10. Vernon Penprase (E)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Johnny Owen (W)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. John Feeney (E)
3. Davy Larmour (I)
4. Dave Smith (E)
5. Jim Bowen (A)
6. Charlie Brown (A)
7. Patrick Burns (A)
8. Wayne Evans (E)
9. Glenn Walsh (A)
10. Glyn Davies (W)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Ray Amoo (N)
1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Pedro Solo (A)
3. Neil McLaughlin (I)
4. Stephen Muchoki (K)
5. John Hipwell (A)
6. Kelvin Smart (W)
7. Junior Thompson (A)
8. Roger Richens (A)
9. Garry Bick (A)
10. Dave George (E)

*John Aba (Papua New Guinea) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders: Kazeem Armah (N), Willie Tarika (Fiji), Big Jim West (A).*

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him a share of the honours.

Trevor Cattouse, Balham, 177, kayoed Steve Fenton, Leicester, 176, in round five. Fenton was down in round four, and took the full count on his knees in the following round.

Jackie Turner, Hull, 134¼, outscored Dai Davies, Swansea, 138, over six by 60-57, not losing a round.

Winston Davies, Rugby, 168, gained a six-round points win over Gordon George, Wood Green, 170, in a "clash of styles" contest that never reached the heights. The scoreline, 60-57½, indicating that Davies had not lost a round, was received by George in amazement.

**▲ Poco-a-Poco Club, Stockport —** Eddie Burke, Glasgow, 164, gave a fine performance in outpointing Eddie Smith, Manchester, 160, over eight by 79-77½.

Burke was the harder puncher, and Smith did well to keep on his feet. The latter had his moments, but they were few and far between, and, as the pace increased, so did Burke's lead.

Eddie Copeland, Manchester, 137½, learned a lot in outpointing experienced Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 142, over eight by 79-77. No doubt as to the winner, but Wright showed good defense, and was never in danger of being decked.

Nobbins followed the bout in which Kerry Collins, Merthyr, 137, gained a narrow points win over Lance Williams, Manchester, 136. Scoreline: 79-78½, after eight exciting rounds.

Williams was floored in round three, but came back strongly, only for Lance to clinch victory in the last couple of rounds.

In another close contest, Rocky Burton, Bedworth, 191, outpointed Nigel Savory, Leeds, 176, over six by 59-58½. Burton was down in round two, and Savory in the following session.

Peter Bassey, Manchester, 164, outscored Joe Jackson, Coventry, 176, by 59½-57½ over six. Bassey made light of his weight disadvantage.

**▲ Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham —** Jimmy Brown, Liverpool, 128¼, outscored Gerry O'Neill, Glasgow, 128½, over eight by 80-77½, not losing a round. This confirmed a previous points victory.

Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 141, beat John Mount, Glasgow, 145, the bout being stopped in round four after the latter had been decked by a right to the head.

Dave Douglas, Larkhall, 149, outpointed Jeff Aspell, Swansea, 146½, over six by 60-57, not losing a round.

Gordon George, Wood Green, drew with Gary Jones, Glasgow, drew over six in a light-heavyweight contest.

**▲ World Sporting Club, London —** Roy Gumbs, Tottenham, 157½, kept his Southern Area middleweight title by outpointing Frankie Lucas, Croydon, 157¼, over 10 by 98½-97½.

Lucas had been inactive for nearly a year, but you wouldn't have thought so as he made a confident start, and looked ahead at the halfway stage.

But the longer it went, the more Gumbs came into the fight, and, after a slow start, began to put his punches together. From round six, Lucas began to slow, and in round eight he was forced to hang on as Gumbs' hard punching began to take its toll.

Lucas now had a swelling by his right eye and in round nine was under a great deal of pressure, although he fought back gamely, and survived until the final bell.

Tony Davis, St. Marys Cray, 133, took full revenge for a previous loss by outpointing Terry Parkinson, Brighton, 135½, over six by 59½-57½.

Nick Redding, Swansea, 136, was down in round three but rallied to outscore Neil Brown, Norwich, 134, over four by 40-38½, not losing a round.

Danny Connolly, Ilford, 134, outpointed Tyrrel Wilson, Newport, 133, over six by 59½-57½.

**▲ Liverpool Stadium —** American Johnny Heard, 159, beat Robbie Davies, Birkenhead, 163, the bout being stopped in round seven after the latter had been down four times.

On the final occasion a left hook put Robbie on his back, where he stayed for a couple of minutes. Referee Harry Warner didn't bother to start a count.

When they met two yers earlier, Heard won on points, but this time he boxed well and punched hard to put the issue beyond doubt.

Down in round five, Brian Snagg, Liverpool, 135, rallied to outpoint Jarvis Greenidge, Birmingham, 133, over eight by the narrow margin of 79-78½.

George Metcalf, Liverpool, 135, beat a man higher in the ratings when outpointing Robbie Robinson, Liverpool, 136½, who retired at the end of round five with an injured left eye and left ear.

Metcalf was down briefly in round two.

Steve Hill, Blackpool, 178, beat Danny McLoughlin, Manchester, 175, who retired in round four with an injured hand. Plenty of hard punches thrown by Danny in the first couple of rounds, but he ran out of steam.

Billy Hill, Blackpool, 162¼, outpointed Mick Morris, Wolverhampton, 163, over eight by 79-77½.

**▲ Ulster Hall, Belfast —** Frenchman Sylvain Watbled, 203½, beat Irishman Gordon Ferris, 213, the referee intervening in the 10 and final round when Ferris was cut on the left cheek. The cut needed nine stitches.

A close contest up to then, but Ferris was decked in the ninth round by a left hook, and, although fighting back strongly, the injury was considered by the referee to be too serious for the Irishman to continue.

Davy Larmour, Belfast, easily outscored Mexican Gilbert Garza over eight by 80-76, not losing a round. Larmour might have stopped his man, but was handicapped by a cut over the right eye that prompted him not to take any chances.

The weights were not announced. Larmour is the number two contender for the British bantamweight title.

Dave Campbell, Enniskillen, 138, won the vacant Northern Ireland light welterweight title by beating Ray Heaney, Lurgan, 138, who was retired by his corner at the end of round seven, when his task was hopeless.

Strangely enough, Heaney's one moment of glory came earlier in that round, when Campbell went through the ropes from a left hook, but was back in the ring before a count could even be started.

Dave then took over, and was dealing out punishment when Ray was retired.

Trevor Kerr, Fivemiletown, was thought by many to be fortunate to be awarded a points decision over Stan Carnell, Liverpool, 175½. The points score was 78½-78 over eight, and the booing indicated the crowd's feeling.

Young Stoneyford, Lisburn, 236, kayoed debutant Pat Magee, County Down, 201, in 20 seconds of the opening round.

**▲ Evesham Sporting Club —** Granville Allen, Wednesbury, 141, outpointed Dennis Sullivan, Falmouth, 145, over eight by 78½-78. Never much between them, Allen perhaps being the more accurate.

Mike Clemow, Camborne, 147½, outpointed Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 148, by 59½-58½ over six. Smith opened and closed well, and there were those who thought he should have had at least a draw.

Ian Murray, Birmingham, 142, outscored Johnny Burns, Birmingham, 141, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round.

Terry Matthews, Swansea, 156, outpointed Clifton Wallace, Birmingham, 156, also not losing a round, with a scoreline of 60-57½ after six.

Mohammed Ali, Stonebridge, 162, beat Jim Fenwick, Torquay, 149, the bout being stopped with just one second remaining of their four-rounder. Fenwich was decked twice, and was taking punishment when the referee intervened.

**▲ Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club, Bradford —** Tom Collins, Leeds, 173, captured the vacant Central Area light heavyweight titie by beating Greg Evans, Liverpool, 169½, the referee intervening near the end of round one after Evans had been down twice.

Dave George, Swansa, 116, outpointed Selvin Bell, Manchester, 126, over eight by 79½-78½.

John Lindo, Bradford, 138, drew with Kevin Sheehan, Nottingham, 136, over six.

**▲ St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow —** Sylvester Gordon, Peckham, 144, comfortably outscored Herbie McLean, Edinburgh, 141, over eight by 79-77½. McLean had been inactive for two years, and his timing was at fault.

Gordon used his advantages in height and reach to good effect, and McLean was handicapped from the fourth by a cut near his left eye.

Duncan Hamilton, Cambuslang, 133½, looked good in outpointing Norman Morton, Newcastle, 138½, over eight by 79½-77½. Morton showed plenty of aggression and tried hard to take advantage of his superior weight, but Hamilton kept cool and countered cleanly with both hands.

Jim McKeown, Barrhead, 124, gained a six-round points win over Alan Storey, Sunderland, 124. Scoreline: 59½-58.

Gary Jones, Stirling, 170, outscored Ernie Baister, Sunderland, 177, by the narrow margin of 59-58½.

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### CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

**▲ EAST LONDON — Sisa Dukashe Stadium — Welile Nkosinkulu scored a very controversial win over British boxer David Smith, knocking him out, officially, in the fifth round of their bantamweight contest.**

Nkosinkula was warned four times for tripping, and the last offense brought a disqualification from referee Fanie van Zyl. Members of the Board of Control reversed the ruling and, after a break of three minutes, the fight continued. A right cross from Nkosinkulu ended the fight with Smith on the canvas.

The crowd of 10,000 were incensed at the thought of the fight being stopped on a disqualification, hence the reversal by the Board. The referee, obviously angry, left the stadium immediately after the fight.

A left and right had dropped Smith in the fourth round. Smith claimed he was tripped and later, back home, stated he remained on the canvas due to the hostile crowd. A full inquiry will be held.

Loviso Mtya outpointed Carmeron Adams, eight, middleweights.

### NATAL

**▲ DURBAN — Seaman's Institute Hall — Robbie Williams TKO'd Jonas March in a heavyweight bout, Malan failing to answer the bell for round three. Williams was always on top of his opponent, and looked impressive picking off his blows. Malan shone in the early part of the bout, but was sent reeling by a left hook at the end of the first round. Another left hook to the jaw in the second and a following right cross was all that was needed.**

Robert Makhobe TKO'd Siphiwe Benghu in the fourth round to win the Natal bantamweight title. Body blows wore down Benghu, who began well, using a left hook to advantage. He was sent to the canvas in the second round, however, and, although he landed telling hooks in the third frame, a hard left hook dropped him in the fourth and he called "quits."

Gregory Clark looked promising in knocking out experienced Nicholas Gumede in the second round of their welterweight bout. Nicholas Mlabe outscored Johnny Lutchmanna, four, welterweights. Ness Roux shaded Zachariah Thabethe, four, junior middles. Dan Veeran and Paulos Shozi drew, four, featherweights. Dennis Masondo and Chris Hlongwe drew, four, middles. Aziz Dawood and Richard Mtombeni drew, four, bantams. Joseph Ngubane outscored Anton Hadebe, four, bantams.

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## TRANSVAAL

**▲ ERMELO — Bushy Bester knocked out veteran middleweight Maxwell Malinga in the sixth round before a crowd of 3,000 in a "catchweight" bout. Malinga looked impressive in the early stages, but, from the fifth round Bester used a sustained body attack that wore his opponent down. A hard left hook just below the ribs caused Malinga to drop his guard; then Bester ended the fight with lefts and rights to the head. Bester really battled in the first three rounds, although frustrated by Malinga's defense. Maxwell won the fourth round with straight rights — the only frame he won.**

Lightweight champion Peet Bothma outscored Alfred Sibisi, six, in a junior welter clash. Gaybon Yekiso won the Transvaal featherweight title by knocking out Alec (Stompie) Venter in the first round with a right to the body. Basil Meintjies decisioned Isak Enselin, four, middleweights. Keith Bradford and Johannes Mpesi drew, four, middles. Deon Labuschagne kayoed Thomas Tsotetsi, one.

**▲ JOHANNESBURG — Ellis Park Tennis Stadium — The place was packed when South African fighters fought against Americans in four scheduled eight-round bouts. Charlie Weir stopped Bruce Strauss, Omaha, Nebraska, in 2:20 of the first. Bruce McIntyre outscored Melvin Dennis, U.S.A., Bushy Bester outpointed American Pat Hallacy. The lone U.S. victory came when Ivy "Poison" Brown kayoed Sydney Hoho in the fifth.**

Peet Bothma decisioned Simon Dhladla, six, lightweights. Basil Meintjies TKO'd Raymond Mashifane in the first round, middleweights.

**▲ SPRINGS — Evans Gwiji won the vacant South African junior lightweight title by outboxing Guy Ratazayo, 12. It was a hard fought fight. Gwiji won clearly, while Rayazayo was guilty of infringements and did not fight the kind of fight that brings victory. Gwiji was down in the first round from a right to the head, but Gwiji got up, kept his cool, and boxed his way out of trouble. Ratazayo changed his tactics in the sixth, began to box, and won the round. But from the seventh on, Guy went back to his slugging and was outscored.**

Johannes Sithebe retained his Transvaal flyweight title, stopping Freddie Masemola in the 10th.

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## MIHARA-DIONISIO
## OPBF Junior Middleweight Title

TOKUSHIMA, JAPAN — Unbeaten puncher Tadashi Mihara, junior middleweight champion of the OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) and ranked second by the WBA in the 154-pound class, battered Ramon Dionisio, from the Philippines, dropped him thrice, and finished him at 1:41 of the seventh in their scheduled 12-round title bout.

Some 3,000 spectators were in attendance at Tokushima Prefectural Gymnasium. It was Mihara's ninth knockout in 10 victories in as many pro bouts, as well as his third defense since capturing the crown by stopping Jae-Keun Yim, Korea, in Tokyo last year.

The 24-year-old champ (5 ft-10, two inches taller than Ramon) was sharp enough to dominate the second, fourth and fifth rounds. Dionisio, a half pound heavier than Mihara's 152, fought back hard with roundhouse body punches, most of which were averted by the lanky champ's fast footwork. The sixth witnessed the first knockdown, as Mihara scored with an overhand right following strong combinations to the face of Dionisio, who beat the count at eight and showed tremendous gameness, coming back with rough shots. Ramon, bleeding from the left eyebrow since the fourth round, had a narrow escape. But the seventh round was fatal. Mihara sent plenty of strong lefts and rights to the durable Filipino. Ramon endured the champ's speedy rallies, but hit the deck twice midway in the round. Referee Ryoji Kashiwagi tolled the fatal 10 against the still wobbling Ramon.

With more of Mihara's body punches, or without Ramon's great toughness, it would have ended earlier. Dionisio, 29 years of age, was the ninth-ranked OPBF contender. He's managed by the son of ex-world junior lightweight champion, Gabriel Flash Elorde.

Up to the stoppage, referee Kashiwagi saw the action-packed affair 60-56, while judges Kurume and Inukai both had it 60-55, all for Mihara. Misako, the manager of Mihara, said his boy would meet a name contender prior to his crack at the WBC throne held by Maurice Hope of England. Mihara, an upright stylist, had better master body punching more effectively before he challenges the southpaw Hope.

New WBC junior flyweight champion Shigeo Nakajima engaged in two sparring sessions with Masayuki Sato before the main event.

Masahiro Kawada, 129, halted Katsuo Kazama, 130, at the end of the fifth round. Noboru Kogita, 146¾, dropped Ken Amakusa, 146½, three times was awarded an automatic stoppage at 2:53 of the second round. Ryoji Fukumoto, 121, lost a decision to Manabu Niwazukino, 121¾, four. Featherweight Kinji Kajita, 123, decisioned Shingo Tachibana, 124, four. Flyweight Satoshi Urakawa, 113½, won from Junji Shimada, 112½, four. Masayuki Yokoyama, 118, outscored Shigemi Osako, 116½, four.

The impresario was Takao Kambayashi.

## JAPAN

**▲ OSAKA — Prefectural Gymnasium —** OPBF junior featherweight champion Soon-Hyun Chung, ranked fifth by the WBA, scored a brilliant knockout over Kanekatsu Daito, a local favorite, at 1:26 of the fourth of their scheduled 12-round bout before 3,000 spectators.

It was Chung's third defense since copping the OPBF throne from Filipino Ric Quijano by a 12-round split decision in April, 1978.

The 25-year-old Korean entered the ring at 121½ pounds to 121¾ for Daito. He lost controversial decisions to WBA titlist Ricardo Cardona twice in 15-round title bouts in Korea, but proved too much in speed and power for the Japanese challenger.

Chung dropped Daito on four occasions — once in the second and thrice in the fatal fourth canto. Chung's finish was impressive; he swarmed over the groggy Daito, battering him from all angles without missing any blows. At the third knockdown in round four, referee Ken Morita declared an automatic kayo and raised the Korean newcomer's hand. The champ improved his record to 19-4, with 10 knockouts, while Daito dropped to 11-7-1, including 7 kayoes.

Chung has been said to be unmatched in the Orient, and Your reporter concurs with this opinion.

In the semi-final 10, Mitsuo Kushikino, the JBC's top ranked welterweight at 145¾, floored Hirofumi Sawada, an awkward lefty, three times for a kayo win at 2:29 of the fourth round. Sawada, 146¾, absorbed too much punishment from the right shots of Kushikino, who upped his record to 11-8 with 6 KOs.

In another tenner, hard-hitting hope Tokuo Maruuchi, 20 years of age and 7-1 with as many kayo wins, was a little annoyed by the durability of Ryuya Moriyasu, a pound heavier at 134, but won a majority decision (96-96, 98-97 and 98-96). Maruuchi, the Best All-Japan Novice King winner of the previous year, must improve his defensive ability if he wants to beat Japanese top notchers. He is now rated sixth by the JBC.

Short and busy Kazumi Sato, 120, took a unanimous decision from Masao Mizui, 119½, in 10 monotonous rounds. Despite the lopsided proceedings, Sato, the JBC's 10-ranked 122-pounder, lacked sufficient power to finish his opponent.

In the curtain raising sixer, Masahiro Yanagiya, 111¾, eked out a close but unanimous nod over Shinichi Tabaru, 111¾, after dull exchanges.

The card was presented by Kiyoshi Yoskii's Osaka Teiken Promotions.

**▲ NAGOYA — Fukiage Hall —** Having been beaten by WBA junior lightweight champion Samuel Serrano of Puerto Rico on November 29, 1978, Tenyu (Takao) Maruki, 130, appears to have come back steadily.

Maruki, the JBC's top-ranked featherweight, disposed of Keizo Kurebayashi, former Shinjin-o (Novice King) winner, at 2:26 in the sixth round. Kurebayashi, a lanky footworker at 133¾, was caught by the rugged infighter's incessant rallies, which dropped him on three occasions with the third man automatically calling a halt.

In the supporting 10, Hirokazu Fukui, 125, outscored Shogo Tabata, 122, by a unanimous decision

Michio Miwa, 109¼, stopped Osamu Oe, 112, at 2:43 of the third round. Osamu Kojima, 111¼, finished Nobuo Higuchi, 115¼, at 1:23 of the third session. Super bantam Yoshiaki Takemoto, 123¼, from Fumio Nada, 122¼, at 1:31 of the third round.

**▲ TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** Southpaw Michiharo Horihata, Japan's junior middleweight boss at 152½, mercilessly battered Warrior (Fumiki) Hanada, a rugged challenger at 153½, and halted him at 1:20 of the fourth round before

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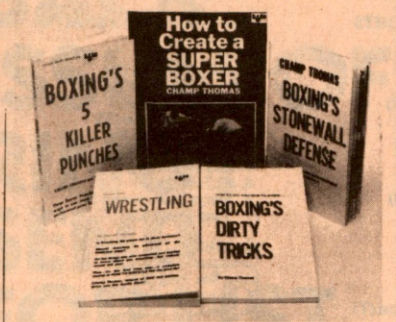


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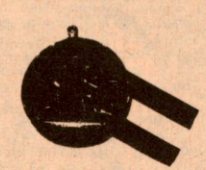

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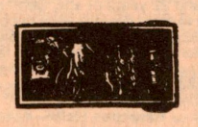

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It was the 26-year-old champ's second defense since dethroning Kenji Shibata via a 10th-round upset kayo last year. Horihara, standing 5'11", dropped Hanada with a strong right following positive combos in the opening session. It became onesided after that. The champ received a big gash over the left eyebrow midway in round two, but he punched the challenger, 21, from pillar to post; and a towel was tossed in to save the groggy loser from further punishment. Ref Takeo Ugo then awarded the kayo win to Horihata, whose record is now 16-12-2 with 13 stoppages. Hanada, 5'7", suffered the fourth setback against nine wins (six kayoes).

In the semi-windup, free swinging Takeshi Mine, the JBC's fourth-ranked lightweight at 138¼, was outlegged and outpunched by Shigeyuki Otake, 140 pounds, in 10. All the officials, ref Tezaki and judges Ugo and Nakamori, had identical scores of 98-97 for Otake, the JBC's seventh ranked 130-pounder, who was an emergency substitute scaling 10 pounds over his usual weight.

Tomoharu Yamamoto, 125¾, polished off Yoshinobu Uniwa, 127, in only 126 seconds of the opening round. Moriyuki Yamauchi, 108, who had compiled a fine 27-0 amateur record in Okinawa, tasted his second pro defeat, losing a decision to Suehiro Miya, also 108, four. Super bantam Mitsuaki Kikuchi, 120½, outpointed Tadanori Ozaki, 118, in 4. Banty Yoshiaki Nakama, 117¼, beat Satoshi Takahaski, 118, in a curtain raiser four.

**▲ TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** A triple tenner was presented by Kyokuto Promotions and telecast through TV Asahi. In the main event, lanky Mitsuo Shima, 121½, ranked second by the JBC in the junior featherweight division, showed his vulnerable jaw, collapsing flat for the fatal count with 10 seconds remaining in the second round. The upset victor was a Korean newcomer named Chong-Soo Lee, also 121½, the korean Commission's second-ranked banty. Lee, 23, was the shorter of the two, but he dropped Shima, a former kick-boxing champ, twice — with a right cross and with a right uppercut — in the fatal round.

Lee upped his record to 10-2-1, including seven kayoes, in his debut in Japan, while Shima dropped to 4-2 with one knockout.

In the semi-final 10, unbeaten ex-Asian Amateur Games gold medalist Koki Ishii, 110, appeared to have fully recovered from the pneumonia which had made him inactive late in the previous year, demolished veteran campaigner Sueo (Phenix) Taniguchi, 108¼ and 27 years of age, at 2:32 of the sixth round. The loser hit the deck twice of the fatal session.

Ishii improved his pro record to 3-0 with two kayoes, while Phenix impaired his to 10-9-3 (four kayoes). Ishii, 25, is now rated eighth in the 112-round class by the JBC.

Southpaw lightweight Hirofumi Mochizuki, 130, floored Hideyoshi Horinaga, 129½, for the mandatory eight count with a vicious right hook in the third round, winning a unanimous nod in the first 10. Official scoresheets: referee Ugo and judge Field both 99-97, and the other judge, Tezaki 99-96, all for the lefthander. Mochizuki, now 16-9 with 13 knockouts, thus turned the tables, as he dropped an upset decision to Hide in Setember, 1978. Bantam lefty Yasuo Azato, 117½, who eked out a majority decision over Hideaki Sawada, 118, eighth. Featherweight Hideaki Kawai, 125½, was awarded a TKO win over Akira Komori, 125¼, 1:38 of the third round. Featherweight Ken Sogo, 125½, was defeated by Ikuyoshi Kuwabara, 125¾, by a unanimous decision, six. Kimiaki Kamata, 107, was a kayo loser at the hands of Kazuhiro Ikeda, 108, at 2:06 in the fourth session.

**▲ OSAKA — Prefectural Gymnasium —** The finals of the 26th All-Japan Shinjin-o tournaments, in 10 classes, were fought by the East and West-Japan winners before some 3,000 spectators. The Novice King victors automatically enter the top ten of the JBC in their respective divisions.

The Eastern representatives overwhelmed those of the Western zone by dominating nine classes out of 10. The results were as follows: JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT: Katsuo Togashiki, 19 and at 107½ pounds, got inside of lefty Fujio Ito, 107, winning a unanimous decision in six. Togashiki, a stablemate of Yoko Gushiken, is now 8-0-1, but with no knockouts.

FLYWEIGHT: In a battle of lefthanders, Jiro Watanabe, 111¾, became the only All-Japan winner from the Western zone by stopping Koji Kobayashi, 111¼, at 2:15 of the opening session. Moreover, the 24-year-old Watanabe, a former fourth-degree black belt in Karate, was awarded the Best Shinjin-o (Novice King) Prize of this year owing to his perfect record of 7-0 with as many knockouts. Watanabe dropped the hitherto unbeaten Kobayashi twice each with a single blow.

BANTAMWEIGHT: It was another contest of southpaws. Tricky Tsuguyuki Toma, 117, was exhausted by the fourth round, but floored Masao Ogata, 117¼, twice and for the full count at 0:47 of the sixth and final round.

Toma, 24, had been a baby boxer in Okinawa many years before, and now is 7-0-1 with two kayoes.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT: Penalized two points because of low blows, Naoki Kobayashi, 121½ pounds and 8-1-1, caught Yoshio Shimada, in the sixth session, dropping him twice for mandatory eight counts.

Suddenly, Shimada had his left shoulder dislocated so badly that he could not defend, and the towel was thrown to keep him from absorbing more punishment. The time was 1:53 of round six.

FEATHERWEIGHT: 19-year-old upright stylist Yoshimitsu Azato, 126, was given the Technique Award, as he finally finished fast-moving southpaw Yoshiharu Watanabe, also 126, after four knockdowns at 2:43 of the sixth and final round. Azato, now 2-0-1 with two kayoes was befuddled by the dancing and sudden lefts of his southpaw rival, but his superior power overwhelmed the lantern-jawed Watanabe.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT: Unbeaten non-stop puncher Fusao Imai, 129 and 6-1-2 (only one kayo), is the type to offset his lack of convincing power by the number of his punches, and so he did — flattening Kaoru Yoshioka, 127, at 2:04 of the third round.

LIGHTWEIGHT: As expected by fight fans, awkward but powerful K.O. artist Kaneatsu Yamamoto, 20 and at 133¾, scored his sixth consecutive knockout — all within the first round — by sending Motohiko Okuyama, 134½, into dreamland with only five seconds left in the opening session.

Yamamoto, now 6-1 with as many kayo wins and kayo loss, must improve his guard and his balance as well, in order to make his power effective against the more experienced fighters in Japan.

However, the youngster tied the record of six straight first-round kayoes scored by Masanao Toyoshima (now retired), who once knocked down Danny Lopez before succumbing to Little Red's bombardments in three rounds in August, 1974.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT: Kirk Fujimoto, 140, had blood streaming from the forehead, but took a unanimous decision from Tatsugen Sugimura, 138¾, in six. Kirk, 23, thus bettered his record to 8-1-2 (four kayoes).

WELTERWEIGHT: A 38-year-old ex-All-Japan rugby player out of Hosai University, Akira Isobe, 146¾, has been busy managing his boutique shop. We wonder why Isobe began fighting last year. His answer is "My fighting may be equal to your jogging for promoting health."

Isobe won the Shinjin-o final after fighting an additional seventh round with Yasuji Myojin, 145¾ and 15 years his junior, after they battled to a split draw in the official six rounds. (In the JBC's official record, it will be tabbed a six-round draw.)

According to the Tournament rule, the seventh round was competed with Isobe outpowering the youngster. Someone made a joke about Isobe as Japan's most famous fighter next to Yoko Gushiken, because his winning the tournament was repeatedly telecast by many television stations and reported by plenty of magazines. However, Isobe, now 3-0-1 with one kayo, had better call it quits — so says his manager, Misako, president of the All-Japan Boxing Association.

MIDDLEWEIGHT: Ex-basketball player Keitoku Senrima, 158¼, lost a close but unanimous decision to a puzzling lefty named Sachimi Murakami, 155½, in six. Each was hitherto undefeated and 22 years of age. Senrima's final attacks were not sufficient to overcome his early deficit on points.

The tournaments were good crowd-pleasers, but your reporter thinks the overall level of the finalists was a bit lower than in previous years, when we witnessed the likes of Fighting Harada, Koichi Wajima, Kuniaki Shibata, Masashi Kudo, and other future champions.

**▲ TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** Mitsuo Ohaski, 137¾, the top ranked lightweight of Nippon, took the wicked chopping rights of Tsunehiro Fuchiwaki, the JBC's number five contender at 137 pounds, who put him on the deck three times. The ref, Morita, declared an automatic knockout with 15 seconds left in the opening round of a scheduled 10-rounder. Fuchiwaki, in his first appearance after his campaigns in Mexico last year, scored with solid rights to the face of Ohaski, who hit the deck from the same punches time and again. In the semi-windup, unbeaten junior flyweight prospect Shuichi Hozumi, 110, downed Keisuke Yuguchi, 110, on six occasions and halted him in 2:05 of the seventh round of a companion 10.

Hozumi, with his great advantages of height and reach, caught his lantern jawed victim, 6-6-1 (three kayoes), with astounding ease. Shuichi, 20, upped his record to 11-0 with 3 knockouts. How many counts did referee Sasaki give? Five eight-counts, plus the fatal 10-count, equal 50 counts!

In the supporting eight, Takenao Nakajima, previously fighting as Susumu Shinba, 117½, lost an upset majority decision (referee Ichikawa, 79-78; judge Sasaki, 79-77; and Morita, 78-78) to Katsuyuki Ohashi, 117½.

The victor, 19, is now 9-1 with no kayoes, while Takenao is 12-5-1 (six kayoes). The loser failed to use his left hand effectively.

Hard-hitting featherweight Hiroyuki Yatsu, 126, dropped Katsumi Chida, also 126, but hit the deck when going all out for a finish in the first round, finally demolishing the latter at 2:36 in the fifth of a scheduled sixer. Yatsu, now 5-1 with four kayoes, should have concentrated on tossing more lefts, but he dropped Chida three times with sharp lefts in the fatal session.

Southpaw Tsuyoshi Hamada, 130, floored Kunio Tada, also 130, in the first, second and fifth rounds, knocking him out in 1:17 of the fifth session. Hamada, now 3-1 with three kayoes, was formerly the All-Japan high-school champion from Okinawa.

Tsutomu Itokazu, 117½, was held to a majority draw by Masayuki Kirisaki, 117½, in six.

Toku Terakado, 111¼, won a hairline nod over Masahiko Kawamura, 111¼, four. Masahiro Takagi, 125, outpunched Yasuo Takada, 124½, copping a unanimous decision in a curtain-raising four.

The card was presented by Akihiko Honda's Teiken Promotions.

**▲ HOPU CITY —** City Gymnasium — Royal (Kazuo) Kobayashi, OPBF featherweight champ at 129¾, dropped Masa Ito, ex-national lightweight boss and the WBA's ninth-ranked 135-pounder scaling 130, on five occasions, and iced him at 2:18 of the seventh in a non-title 10-rounder before 2,500 fans.

The taller Ito, 32, proved no match for the powerful left hooker, as he hit the deck from Kobayashi's specialty, a left hook, in round two. Ito attempted to outleg and outjab his shorter opponent, but was outpowered. He visited the canvas again, from Royal's solid right, in the sixth round. The fatal canto saw Kobayashi put the game but groggy Ito on the deck three times more.

An automatic kayo was awarded to the unbruised Kobayashi, 30 years of age, who tabbed his 25th knockout in 31 wins against six defeats. It was Ito's 17th loss against 30 wins (10 kayoes) and four draws.

In the semi-final, Kenzo Takasugi, a local favorite ranked

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10. Phil Davies (A)

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Champion
Yung-Ho Oh (K)
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4. Jimmy Sinantan (I)
5. Somdej Sakdiphipus (T)
6. Ki-Hoon Kwak (K)
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Champion
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Champion
Tadashi Mihara (J)
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Champion
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2. Sok-Chul Bae (K)
3. Frank Cedeno (P)
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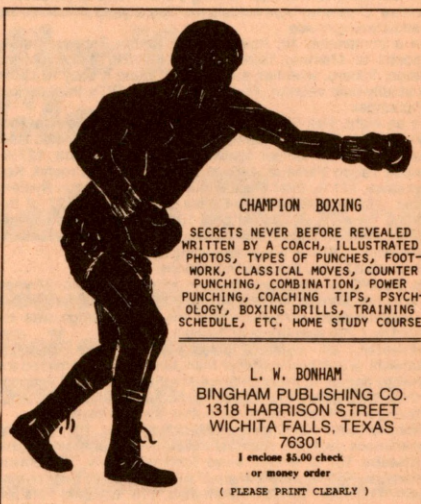

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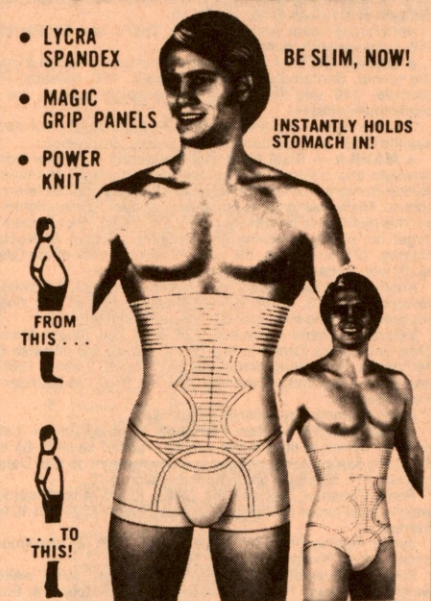


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tnird by the JBC in the bantam class, demolished Mitsuo Shimokawa in the third round.

It was presented by Yamaguchi Kyoei Promotions, which is managed by the loser, Ito.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** Unbeaten middleweight Hiroyuki (Cesar) Sasaki, the JBC's top contender at 159¾, brought his winning streak to nine when he scored a strong right to the chin of Tsumoru Okamoto, 158, halting him in 2:36 of the fifth round.

Some 1,800 witnessed Sasaki's progress in power and aggressiveness, for the tall prospect had been castigated by experts owing to his amateurish outfighting. They had met in a sixer last June, with Sasaki winning a unanimous decision, but, this time, Okamoto, from Hiroshima, was a good victim for the up-and-coming rookie.

In a companion 10, free-swinging Tarzan Tobaru, 145½, disposed of Mamoru Taira, 150¼, at 1:28 of the second session. Tobaru, who has a glass jaw, found it easy to catch the stoutly-built veteran. The winner is the JBC's third-ranked 147-pounder.

In an eight, Fire (Takashi) Kaneda, 140, outscored Takeshi Fukui, 137½. Yoshihide Sawano, 134½, beat Yoshitetsu Une, also 134½, in six. Junior lightweight Masaaki Miyata, 127½, stopped Tadao Yamane, 130, at 1:33 of the third round. Koji Hayakawa, 121½, beat Masami Ikehara, 120½, four. Ryutaro Otsuki, 134½, polished off Yutaka Itoi, 135, at 2:27 of the opening round. Makito Mizoi, 108½, outpointed Nobuo Higuchi, 110¼, four. Itsuki Matsuda, 128¼ drew with Koji Yamamoto, 129½, in a curtain-raising four.

Promoted by JRJ Kokusai Promotions.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakeun Hall —** Johnny Fujimoto, 24-year-old puncher with a 13-4-2 (10 kayoes) record, was the number six featherweight contender, and his kayo triumph was expected by 2,200 spectators at the Hall.

However, an unrated powder-puff named Yasuhide Takahashi, a half pound lighter than Johnny's 126, amazed the crowd by flattening the prohibitive favorite in only 106 seconds of the opening session in their scheduled 10. His left hook following a right uppercut to the button was the haymaker.

Naojiro Toda, 109½, floored Masakuni Toda, 107½, taking a unanimous decision, six. Katsumi Sato, 106, outpointed Shin Kashiwaba, 107¾, in four. Ikuya Toshinai, 138¾, Tsunemitsu Nonomura, 138¾, four. Mitsuaki Imazato, at 111, beat Isao Kiuchi, 112, four. Takeshi Takamatsu, 118, whipped Tatsuaki Zayasu, 118, four. Hiroaki Zayasu, 118, drew with Shinji Takayanagi, 118, four. Ko Kimura, 106, won from Hidemitsu Tokuyama, 107¼, in the four-round curtain raiser.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** Why didn't you come and see Kazunori Tenryu's last fight? You might have expected another easy defense for Tenryu, who had defended his national junior flyweight title for 16 times. Moreover, his younger challenger had failed to win the crown from Tenryu, in their previous bout. However, Tadashi Tomori, 106¼, caught Tenryu, 107¾, with a well-timed left hook to drop the champ, and swarmed over him with a volley of punches followed by a very wicked right, halting him at 2:55 of the first round. Yes, Tomori, a 20-year-old speedster with a record of 13-2 three kayoes, became the new champion before the cheering crowd of 1,500.

Tenryu, after the defeat, announced that he was hanging up the gloves for good. The 4'10" Tenryu, 29, the shortest fighter in Japan, had compiled a 29-7-3 (14 kayoes) record. He once challenged the WBA titlist Jaime Rios, from Panama, only to lose a lopsided 15-round decision in Kagoshima on January 3, 1976. His last showing was short and sad enough.

Recently, Tenryu entered the ring as an underdog, though he was the defending champ, but defended his throne by beating the hitherto unbeaten Masaharu Inami via a 10th and final-round kayo and winning a unanimous decision over Tomori at the Hall.

The new champion, Tomori, was the All-Japan high school amateur champ, and is now under the management of ex-Orient flyweight boss Hitoshi Misako. Tomori, six inches taller, aggressively chased Tenryu from the start and scored a very impressive stoppage.

In the supporting ten, ex-Novice King tournament victor Goichi Oshi, 112¾, suffered his first setback, after having compiled a 14-0-1 record, dropping a close majority decision to mediocre trial horse Kazuyoshi Funaki, 113 pounds and 6-8-2 with a kayo, It was another upset contest.

Lefty Noboru Ishimine, 122, outpointed Minoru Nanjo, also 122, in eight. Hideyuki Kameda, 138, fought to a draw with Masahiro Suzuki, 139¾, four. Hiroshi Osumi, 135, stopped Tatsuo Nakahara, 138, at 2:18 of the first round. Junior flyweight Takami Saeki, 107½, was a surprising kayo winner over Kunio Furukawa, 106¾, in only 45 seconds of the opening round. Koichi Yamamoto, 108, pounded out a decision over Soichi Taira, 108, in a curtain-raising four.

▲ **NOTES —** Masaki Kanehira, manager of WBA junior flyweight champion Yoko Gushiken, became the new president of the All-Japan Professional Boxing Association at its biannual election. The Association consists of all the managers, club-honors, and promoters in Nippon.

## KOREA

▲ **SEOUL —** Hard-hitting Chung-Jae Hwang, the OPBF's top welterweight contender, stretched his record to 6-0 with five kayoes when he sent a barrage of punches to Nessie Horiguchi, from Japan, finishing him midway in the fifth round.

Hwang, who was scheduled to fight for the OPBF welterweight crown now held by Filipino lefty Dan de Guzman, was too fast and strong for the Japanese old soldier. Chung-Jae, an ex-Asian amateur champ, was brilliant. In the fatal round, Hwang landed vicious left hooks to the midsection of his rival, knocking Horiguchi flat for the full count.

▲ **SEOUL — Changchung Gymnasium —** Korea's national flyweight boss, Sok-Chul Bae, defeated Takeshi Ryu, a Nipponese bantamweight, in a supporting tenner to the WBC flyweight title bout of Park vs. Arrozal. Bae, a peekaboo-stylist and non-stop puncher, floored Ryu with a roundhouse right in round three, but the Japanese import came back hard and downed Bae with a straight right to the chin. Bae was aggressive enough, and won a unanimous decision over the taller footworker.

National champions of Korea, one of the countries where boxing is enthusiastically loved by great fans, are as follows: Junior Flyweight, vacant; Flyweight, Sok-Chul Bae; Junior Bantamweight, vacant; Bantamweight, Myung-An Moon; Junior Featherweight, Chong-Woo Baek, Featherweight, Dae-Hwan Lee; Junior Lightweight, Tae-Jin Moon; Lightweight, Lee Yidano; Junior Welterweight, Chong-Ho Kim; Welterweight, Joo-Sok Kim, Junior Middleweight, Yong-Taek Kim, and Middleweight, vacant (after the relinquishment of Chong-Pal Park, who acquired the OPBF title by halting Cassius Naito in an eliminator).

Korea's OPBF champions are; Junior Flyweight, Young-Hyun Kim; Flyweight, Hong-Soo Yang; Junior Featherweight, Soon-Hyun Chung; Lightweight, Young-Ho Oh; Junior Welterweight, Sang-Mo Koo; Middleweight, Chong-Pal Park.

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## PHILIPPINES

▲ **QUEZON CITY — Araneta Coliseum —** National featherweight champion Nene Jun, contender at 126, was surprisingly dethroned by Dommy Marolena, also 126, by an upset unanimous decision in 12 frames.

Another upset result was witnessed as Tony Flores, the lightweight boss of the GAB (Games and Amusements Board of the Philippines, the Governmental Commission there) at 135, lost a unanimous verdict to Lito Pena, also 135, in 12 non-title rounds supporting the main event.

Luckily, Flores' title was not at stake. The winner, Pena, became the top contender in the next GAB ratings. Pena may deserve a rematch with the champ, this time in a bid for the national throne.

Franco Torregosa, the GAB's seventh-ranked banty at 115¼, unanimously decisioned Pablo Pepito, 116, in 10.

The impresario was Ramon Coscolluela.

▲ **MANILA — Rizal Memorial Coliseum —** It was a dual title card promoted by Paciencia Hitosis.

Junior middleweight champion of the Philippines Aquilino Nicolas, Jr., 152, scored a fine TKO over Ramon Dionisio, 151, in the fourth round of a scheduled 12-rounder to retain his crown.

In the semi-final, veteran campaigner Fred Pastor, 143¾, took the vacant welterweight title by winning a unanimous decision from Jimmy Gonzales, 142½, 12. The national throne had been relinquished by Dan de Guzman after he had won the OPBF welterweight laurels by stopping Korean Man-Duk Lee on November 16.

Edward Heneral, 144, ranked second in the 140-pound class by the GAB, defeated Willie Makitoki, 142, in 10. Makitoki, who had whipped ex-WBC contender Celso Esmero, was outpunched all the way. Raffy Saulong, 118½, won a unanimous decision over Ruben Arevalo, 120, 10.

Hard-hitting Cesar Amazan, 118½, TKO'd over Ely Barrios, 119, in the seventh round.

▲ **DAVAO CITY —** Two national champions met in a non-title tenner. Bantam boss Ronald Sumalis, 118, defeated Ric Diamale, 119 and the junior featherweight champ, by a unanimous decision.

It was a delux card promoted by Agustin Garcia, for each was the OPBF's top contender in his respective division.

▲ **MANILA — Rizal Memorial Coliseum —** Former world flyweight and current Thai national bantamweight champion, Venice Borkorsor, a lefty puncher at 123, was one of the most popular Thails owing to his string of wins over Filipino fighters, but this night, here he was jeered by the crowd. He seemed to forget his strong punching and became a victim of Neptali Alamag, 121½. Alamag, the second-ranked banty of the GAB, easily won a unanimous decision over Borkorsor.

Another Thai loser was Charngcheng Borkorsor, a flyweight newcomer at 113, whom William Develos, also at 113, finely knocked out in the sixth round of the semi-final ten.

Veteran Fernand Cabanela, 126, who had fought Masao Ohba and Carlos Zarate in title bouts, proved too ringwise for Fel Viesca, Jr., halting him in the sixth round. Viesca, 126½, was given a lesson by Cabanela, now the third 126-pounder in the Philippines.

It was promoted by Galorde Enterprises.

▲ **PAMPANGA — San Fernando Gymnasium —** Lefty national flyweight titlist Arnel Arrozal, ranked seventh by the WBC and scaling 116, engaged in an overweight go with Danilo Inocian, 116, scoring a unanimous decision in 10.

Romy Cunanan, 128 and the GAB's fourth-ranked featherweight, beat junior lightweight Romeo Olivetti, 129½, in 10 hot frames.

Junior lightweight Boy Reyes, 130, won a unanimous decision over Pedro Lipata, 129, 10.

Mike de Guzman, the Philippines, number three welterweight contender, 143, was awarded a TKO victory over Edito del Monte, 145, midway in round six.

The four tenners were presented by Antonio Esguerra.

▲ **QUEZON CITY — Calauag Gymnasium —** Overweight flyweight Cesar (Kid) Navarosa, 117, lost an upset decision to Rene Busaong, 116, 10.

▲ **DAVAO CITY — Calinan Gymnasium —** Jun Resma, the GAB's ninth-ranked junior flyweight, 110, scored a good TKO over Manuel Acuna, 112, in the third round of their scheduled tenner.

▲ **CABANATUAN CITY —** On impresario Fekuzverti Jardenil's card, featherweight Sandy Torres, 126, was beaten by Gener Cruz, a new comer at 126, in 10 unanimous rounds.

▲ **DAVAO CITY —** Jaime Sanama, ranked fourth by the GAB in the junior featherweight class, defeated Frank Trinidad, a pound lighter at 122, in 10.

▲ **OROQUITA CITY —** Hard-punching Mac Espanola, 112, registered a fifth-round TKO over Cecil Escobido, 112, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10.

▲ **CABANATUAN CITY —** Junior feather Rene Sedayon, 121, dropped a split nod to Rene Cruz, Jr., 124 pounds, in 10 frames of a card promoted by Felixbero Jardinil.

In the semi-final, Noe Canino, the GAB's 5th-ranked 122-pounder, unanimously decisioned Rudy Garcia, 10. Each weighed 123 pounds.

▲ **DAVAO DEL NORTE —** Junior feather Geron Porras, 125, was outpunched by Rey Naduma, Jr., 124, 10.

▲ **LUCENA CITY —** Young lightweight Mar Simbajon, 135, scored a technical knockout over ex-champ Max Boy Toyogon, 135, in the fifth round of their 10-round main event.

Brigildo Canada, 112, ranked seventh by the GAB, eked out a majority decision from Teo Montejo, 112, in 10.

Promoted by Felimon Vasquez.

▲ **MANILA — Mandaluyong Gymnasium —** Danilo Limpajan, 142, was a unanimous victor over Jun Gonzales, 142, 10.

▲ **MANILA — Rizal Memorial Coliseum —** Lefthander Rey Tam, now ranked 10 in the 130-round class by the WBC, proved too ringwise and fast for Rudy Solis, beating him in 10 unanimous rounds.

Melchor Degsi, 113, the number two flyweight contender of the Philippines, decisively whipped Peter Siscon, also 113, in 10 frames.

▲ **CEBU CITY —** Having been dethroned by Al Cordero via an upset decision three and a half months before, Ruben Rabago, ex-junior welterweight leader at 137¾, showed his strength, halting Thai newcomer Dansayarn Mahachai, 142, in a scheduled 10-rounder.

In the semi-final, the top-ranked flyweight of the GAB, Frank Cedano, 112, scored a fifth-round TKO over Flash Gapasin, also 112.

In the first tenner, Rod Delos Santos, 137½, battered Al Espinosa, 137, to win a unanimous decision.

▲ **DAVAO DEL NORTE —** Welterweight Erning Marin, 140, lost to Lino Bernadas, 138, by a majority decision in 10.

▲ **SOUTH COTABATO —** Hard-hitting Renato Paulino, 119, caught Amelito Punay, 120, knocking him out in the seventh of a scheduled 10.

Promoter Rene Lozada's card found a new hope in Paulino, who is now listed as the 10th contender by the GAB.

▲ **ZAMBALES —** Boy Reyes, 130, TKO'd Nitoy Bantilan, 129½, in the seventh round.

In the semi-final, Star Dayanan, 118, won a unanimous decision over Flash Gapasin, also 118, 10.

It was impresario Efren Nazal's card.

▲ **OLONGAPA CITY —** Overweight junior lightweight Young dela Cruz, 134, was not as sharp as usual, dropping a split decision to Orland Cruz, 131, 10.

Al Sicat, the GAB's fourth-ranked bantam at 121, was held to a split draw by Eddie Miral, 120, in 10.

▲ **SAN FERNANDO, LA UNION —** Junior flyweight Brigildo Canada, 112, barely defeated Star Elijido, 111 pounds, by a majority decision, 10.

▲ **SAN FERNANDO, LA UNION —** Brigildo Canada, a junior flyweight ranked fourth by the GAB, appeared at the 112-pound flyweight limit, and had a rather tough time taking a majority decision from Elijido, 111, in 10 rounds.

▲ **ZAMBOANGA — Subanipa Gymnasium —** Hard-punching welterweight Eddie Boy Oposa, 140, TKO'd Jimmy Abarca, also 140, in the sixth round of their scheduled 10.

The impresario was Isabelo Sarte.

▲ **LAGUNA —** Lightweight puncher Romeo Olivetti, 131, ranked sixth by the GAB, needed only three rounds to stop Manuel Tijares, 132, in the main event presented by promoter (and ex-Orient champ) Oscar Reyes.

▲ **OZAMIS CITY —** A triple tenner was the attraction presented by Alex Leynes, Jr.

The GAB's second-ranked junior flyweight, Ver Libradilla, 110, easily halted Rodrigo Saonoy, 109, in the second session.

In the semi-final, lightweight Dario Melida, 131, rated third in the Philippines, whipped Keystone Flash, 130, annexing a unanimous duke in 10.

In the first 10, Fel Aporto, 115, defeated San Santiago, 114, by a unanimous decision.

▲ **DAVAO DEL NORTE —** Busy campaigner Erning Marin, 135 pounds, was held to a majority draw by Roland Dante, 133, 10 rounds.

▲ **MINDORO — San Jose Gymnasium —** Joe Francisco, the GAB's fourth-ranked junior lightweight at 129, furiously attacked Boy Recodo, 130, pummeling him into submission in the fourth round of their scheduled 10.

▲ **DAVAO CITY —** Diego de Villa, 118 pounds, the top contender in the newly established "super flyweight" class by the GAB, proved too strong for Rudy Garcia, 119, and won a unanimous decision in 10 rounds.

▲ **TARLAC — Capas Gymnasium —** Boy Reyes, 130, won a unanimous decision over Pedro Lipata, 128½.

## THAILAND

▲ **BANGKOK — Lumpinee Stadium —** Former world flyweight champion Venice Borkorsor 129, the current Thai bantam champion, was knocked out by Dedked Kiatbungyong, 127, the Thai Commission's third-ranked junior featherweight, in the fourth round. Venice, known for his durability as well as his strong left punch, was reported to have entered the squared circle without sufficient training, and he was too heavy to cope with his fresher opponent.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Hard-hitting Saifah S. Phayathai, rated fifth in the newly established "super flyweight" class and weighing in at the 115-pound limit, managed to win a 10-round decision over Seeson Muangsurin, also 115, after each dropped the other to the canvas. The second session saw Saifah hit the deck for the count of nine, but he fought back very hard. He regained his pace as the bout progressed, scoring two knockdowns over Muangsurin — in rounds four and eight.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Komleg Sorthanikul, 110 and the TBC's top junior flyweight contender, engaged in a gruelling rematch, but lost another decision to Srithuncha Sithsanee, also 110, in six see-saw frames.

The victor, Srithuncha, will be the next challenger for the TBC champ, Chukthep Chuvatana, in the near future.

▲ **BANGKOK — Lumpinee Stadium —** Bantamweight Achen Sukothai, 116, ranked ninth by the TBC, demolished Numramun Sithmuhumud also 116, midway in the third round. Numramun was the number eight contender.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Phaktai Bunset, the TBC's seventh-ranked super flyweight at 118,

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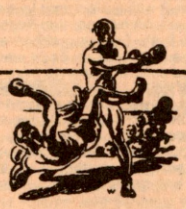

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**WELTERWEIGHT**
1. Britt Van Bushkirk, California
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3. Gwen Gemini, New York
4. Dulce Lucas, Puerto Rico
5. Carol McAllistor, New York
6. Gladys (Bam Bam) Smith, New Jersey
7. Fumiki Takasuki, Japan
8. Toni (Leatherneck) Tucker, New York
9. LaVonne Ludian, Nevada
10. Vicky Montrose, England

**LIGHTWEIGHT**
1. Marian (Lady Tyger) Trimiar, N.Y.
2. Yvonne Barkley, New York
3. Carlotta Lee, California
4. Sue Carlson, Minnesota
5. Ernestine Jones, Illinois
6. Cathy Davis, New York
7. Sandra Peck, Tennessee
8. Patricia Ladd, Tennessee
9. Uschi Doering, Germany
10. Sylvia Ruiz, Texas

**SUPER-FEATHERWEIGHT**
1. Cora (White Sugar) Webber, Florida
2. Lydia (Squeaky) Bayardo, California
3. Toni Lear Rodriguez, Nevada
4. Lori (Loveable) Harmon, Minnesota
5. Jo Jo Thomas, Illinois
6. Donna (Tammy) Jensen, Washington
7. Dee Dee Dowton, Australia
8. Kim Ross, Australia
9. Karen Irons, Nebraska

**FEATHERWEIGHT**
1. Marion Bermudez, Arizona
2. Lili Rodriguez, California
3. Anna Pascal, Panama
4. Belinda Buckley, Ohio
5. Margo Walls, Illinois
6. Judy James, Nevada
7. Denise Morehead, California
8. Jo Ann Gilmore, New York
9. Kathy McDonald, N.C.

**BANTAMWEIGHT**
1. Shirley (Zebra Girl) Tucker, California
2. Graciela Casillas, California
3. Debbie (Irish Ginger) Kaufman, Minnesota
4. Karen Bennett, Nevada
5. Laurie Ferris, California
6. Amy Levitt, California
7. Linda Lawson, Indiana
8. Paulo Trichel, California
9. Cheryl Loudd, California
10. Gumdrop Miller, N.C.

**FLYWEIGHT**
1. Bonnie Prestwood, Indiana
2. Ginate Troy, California
3. Rosi Reed, California
4. Nancy Thompson, California
5. Kathy Franklin, Michigan
6. Barbara Napier, Wisconsin
7. Denise Coleman, California
8. Carol Rose, Illinois


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defeated Sakthong Jaowvana, an unrated rookie at 121, in six.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Hard-hitting Somdej Sakdiphipus, 135, finished Sansakdi Looksrisamran Jr., also 135, in two quick rounds. It might have been a mismatch.

▲ **BANGKOK — Lumpinee Stadium —** Thani Singchounvung, the TBC's eighth-ranked super flyweight at 119, needed four rounds to stop less experienced Prae Lookpetchploy, 120.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Ex-national featherweight champion Klonyuth P. Punyuth, 128, came off the canvas and immediately sent back a left hook to Plianoi Thongthew, also 128, who was counted out at 3:00 of the third round. The crowd praised the game combatants.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** The TBC's top junior featherweight contender, Morkasakdi Muangsurin, 126, engaged in a bout with the number nine Thai lightweight, Pornarai Sithchiya, who shed nine pounds to make 126, and easily knocked out the latter in the third round. Morkasakdi is now the OPBF's third-ranked contender in the 122-pound class.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Flyweight Suban Muangsurin, 112, exchanged hot rallies with Thinsayarm Sithmanoon, also 112, and barely won a split decision in 6 heats.

▲ **BANGKOK — Lumpinee Stadium —** After a six-month layoff, Namsong Sitharan, 118, returned to ring warfare and knocked out Kingpetch Vachiarasakdi, the TBC's eighth-ranked junior featherweight at 119, in the third round.

▲ **BANGKOK — Lumpinee Stadium —** Former OPBF junior flyweight champion Monsayarm H. Machachai, 114 pounds, proved too strong for Dao-noi Sithsaneh, 118, sending him to dreamland in the opening session. Machachai had been easily kayoed by Yoko Gushiken in a bid for the WBA title in Japan two years before, but the Thai lefthander is now on a winning streak.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Suvan Silphaya, 112, battered Sangsung Singvuthakad, also 112, taking a unanimous decision in six rounds.

▲ **BANGKOK — Lumpinee Stadium —** Hard-punching Chanok O. Yuthanakorn, 126, a rising featherweight, made short work of unknown rookie Sangthong Laddaval, also 126, finishing him in the second round.

▲ **BANGKOK — Lumpinee Stadium —** Sombutr Chuvatana, 116, the TBC's 10th-ranked super bantamweight, was awarded a decision over Charnchai Luklumpachee, also 116, the number nine contender, six.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Thailand's welterweight champ, Kunphol Sakornphitak, lost his title before he entered the ring because of his failure to make the 147-pound limit. Challenger Mana Premchai, 147, had a chance to win the Thai title if he defeated the already dethroned champion, but Kunphol, 150, beat Premchai by a unanimous decision in 10 frames. The official scoresheets: 48-44 (double) and 48-43, all in the ex-champ's favor. The national welterweight title is now vacant.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** The TBC's fourth-ranked super flyweight, Alibaba Luklongton, 115, was, amazingly, knocked out by Phichitsuk K. Usayarm, also 115, in the fifth round.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Another upset was witnessed as Saksamai Ch. Siriratana, a busy campaigner at 116, collapsed at the hands of an unheralded rookie named Mongkol Sithjongrug, also 116, in five furious rounds. Mongkol entered the TBC's top 10 two weeks later.

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

# PAN PACIFIC

## AUSTRALIA

### NEW SOUTH WALES

**▲ REVESBY — Workers Club — The Jim Bowen — Charlie Brown bantam battle and the Ross-Eadie-Phil "Spider" Davies junior middle tussle stacked up as a great double draw, but things did not pan out just right. A petrol strike and rain kept the crowd down to only about 500, and, worse, Charlie Brown suffered a dislocated shoulder in a traffic accident while on the way down to Revesby from Newcastle. Steve Walker subbed on one hour's notice.**

Bowen, 118, was far too good for the brave Walker, 115, and referee Trevor Christian stopped it in the 10th and last round after Walker had taken two counts.

I would have liked to have seen the contest stopped many rounds earlier. Even allowing for late substitution, the formerly tough Walker showed little resistence to punches around the head—a sure sign of "softening up," a warning not to continue boxing.

Bowen is not a big hitter. In 42 prior fights, he had stopped only three opponents. Yet Walker was decked in the first and second rounds by rights to the jaw. In the third frame, he was knocked through the ropes, and saved himself from falling to the club floor only by grabbing the bottom rope. In the fifth round, he received two standing eight-counts.

One thing that cannot be taken away from Walker is his courage. He repeatedly took the fight to Bowen, but, although he scored with some good blows, he was well out of his depth.

In the 10th round, Bowen switched his attack to the body and decked Walker with two body blows. He took eight, but, seconds later, he was dropped again by body punches. Another eight, then Christian stopped it as Walker copped a couple of punches more.

The crowd showed its appreciation for the efforts of the boxers by showering the ring with coins and notes.

The other tenner was a disappointment. Ross Eadie, 152, making a comeback after 16 months' retirement, met Phil "Spider" Davies, also 152, the leading contender for the vacant Australian junior middleweight title. Davies not the leading contender anymore, as Eadie knocked him out in the eighth round.

The scrap was a maul, a scramble in which neither revealed his true form.

Eadie put Davies on Queer Street with a solid right to the jaw in the first round, but it was not until round eight that Ross was able to land another solid right flush. Davies grabbed every time Eadie came forward with his right cocked. Eadie was not blameless, either, as he received several warnings from referee Christian for rough and untidy work.

At the start of the 10th round, Davies landed a right to the jaw and then grabbed Eadie. Christian warned Davies three times for holding. Eadie then landed a solid right to the jaw, and Davies fell into his arms. Eadie pulled back and Davies fell flat on his face. He was up to eight, but gone, a sitting duck. Eadie landed a couple more punches and down went Davies again. This time, he was counted out.

Eadie and Davies can do better, and both have.

**▲ CARDIFF — Workers Club — One month prior to his loss to Eadie, Phil "Spider" Davies, 154, had an easy win over veteran Billy Harrison, also 154, the end coming in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.**

Vinnie Edwards, 147, stopped Mick Thompson, 150, at the end of six. Thompson, heavy, just ran out of gas.

**▲ CARDIFF — Workers Club — Clint Brown, 145, outpointed Tommy Roberts, 147, eight. It was an entertaining scrap, and a clear win for Brown.**

**▲ MT. PRITCHARD — Community Club — Southpaw Graham Bell, 139 3/4, and aggressive Paul Baker, 142, drew in a 10-round crowd pleaser.**

Rising, aggressive Alex Temelkov, 159, decked experienced Ben Holt, 156, en route to a solid points win over eight that drew a $30 shower of coins and notes from ringsiders.

**▲ BROOKVALE — Manly-Warringah Leagues Club — Reg King, 128, outpointed Kirk Blair, also 128, eight rounds. This was a good, smart boxing match.**

### QUEENSLAND

**▲ MURGON — Former Australian lightweight champion Arthur "Bullet" Bradley, 130, made a comeback after a retirement of 11 years, five months and kayoed veteran Buddy Clare, 136, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Bradley had celebrated his 40th birthday only two weeks earlier!**

Steve Button, 127, knocked out Richard Aubrey, 131, in the second round of another scheduled 10-rounder.

### VICTORIA

**▲ DEDERANG — Johnny Duff, 124, won a majority decision over Mario Rizzeri, 119, eight. The referee scored the bout even.**

## NEW ZEALAND

**▲ WELLINGTON — Robert Colley, New Zealand (now domiciled in Queensland, Australia), outpointed Dennis Smith, New Zealand, 10 rounds, welterweights.**

New Zealand featherweight champion Jeff Smith halted Aussie Steve Button in the second round of a scheduled 10-round bout. Button was dropped, took a count, and when the bout continued, he (according to his manager) tripped over the referee's foot, whereupon the ref stopped the bout and crowned Smith. Button's manager protested and a rematch will take place.

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# GOLDEN GLOVES

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. — It was a tearful night at Madison Square Garden, as a crowd of 19,503 stood in silence before the start of the 54th annual New York Golden Gloves to pay tribute to 65 passengers who died earlier that day when their Polish Airways jet crashed in Warsaw, Poland. Among the 65 were 22 amateur boxers, coaches, doctors and officials.

It wasn't easy for many of the amateurs to climb into the ring that night, inasmuch as many had lost good friends on that ill-fated flight from New York's Kennedy International Airport to Warsaw.

As AAU official Rollie Schwartz said, "There were good kids, all of them, good people. It's hard to put on a show tonight, but we must find a way to be strong and continue tonight."

And so the show went on, starting at the 106-pound sub-novice divison right up to the heavyweight open matchup. In that 106-pound sub-novice fight, John Picart of the Solar SC won the title with a decision against Alfredo Taylor, who represented the LaSombra SC. Miguel Rosario won the 106-pound open title with an easy decision over Luis Gonzalez, who represented the Lynch PAL center. Rosario fought for the NYC 25th Precinct.

Both 112-pound titles were won on stoppages: In the sub-novice division, Wellington Rocafuerte threw a single right which dropped Casimiro Almonte and prompted the referee to halt their bout at 1:58 of Round One. Both men represented the Yonkers PAL. In the open division, Kenneth Mitchell, of the Fort Apache BC, stopped Gabe Perillo of the St. Mary's Youth Center at 1:47 of the third round. Perillo had take a standing-eight count in the second and was down in the third round.

The 119-pound titles both went to decisions: Alberto Maldonado of the Bronxchester BC narrowly defeated Felix Sanchez of the Times Square AC in an exciting fight, while southpaw Hector Camacho of the LaSombra SC defeated Tyrone Jackson of the United Block Association in another close bout.

In one of the night's top fights, 125-pound sub-novice Pedro Hernandez came back from left-hook knockdown early in Round Two to stop Alejandro Cruz with a single right at 56 seconds of the round. Cruz represented the PAL. Hernandez NYC recreation. In the 125-pound open class, stylish Roberto Vinas, last year's 126-pound open titlist, cut Pedro Santiago above the left eye and dropped him with a right in Round Two before the bout was halted at 1:29 of the round. Vinas represented the Solar SC, Santiago the PAL. Two weeks later, Vinas made a successful pro debut in New York's Felt Forum. His manager is welterweight contender Harold Weston, Jr.

Decisions went to both 132-pound champions. In the sub-novice class, Angel Diaz of the PAL outboxed Santos Vilella, a southpaw representing the LaSombra SC. Jesus Serrano, a deaf southpaw from the Bronxchester BC, won the open championship by defeating Michael Dominquez of the Solar SC.

Two right hands to the head were all Mark Breland needed to stagger Angel Garcia and win the 139-pound sub-novice title at 1:27 of the first round. Both young men represented the Spartan AC. Another Spatan AC battler, Bryant Ware, decisioned Fernando Rodriquez of the Lunar BC to win the 139-pound open title.

Tough Michael DeLaRue of the South Queens Boys Club outpressured Angel Rodriquez of the Izzy Zerling YC to win the 147-pound sub-novice title. In the 147-pound open class, it was three lackluster rounds as Pedro Vilella, Physical SC beat Mark McPherson, Times Square AC.

Unattached Rodney Brown won the 156-pound sub-novice title at 1:29 of the first round with a technical knockout of George Crispin, Lunar BC. In the open division, one of New York's most popular and talented fighters, Alex Ramos, Bronxchester BC, faced Ramon Nieto, Lunar BC. The two combatants had been taunting each other prior to the match, and Ramos was intent on "punishing Nieto," as if it were a 15-round contest. Although Ramos was unable to "punish" Nieto, he did decision him for Golden Gloves title numero quatro.

In a solid, action-packed fight, Michael Trapani of the Cage Teen Center decisioned Pablo Pizarro of the Lunar BC to win the 165-pound sub-novice title. All was not lost for the Lunar BC in the 165-pound class, as Michael Martinez decisioned Anthony Holt of the Spartan AC to win the open title.

Unattached Juan Hernandez won the 178-pound sub-novice crown, halting Ronald McNair, Times Square AC, in Round Three. The open crown was won by Porfirio Llanes, Lunar BC, who halted David Sears of the Lost Battalion Hall in the second round.

The heavyweight bouts in both classes were pitiful. The sub-novices—and they were strictly that—showed no apparent skills. One youngster was worse than the other, and gave a three minute, 13 second lesson in "How *Not* To Box." The fight was thankfully stopped at 1:13 of the second round with Carl Williams the winner over his NYC Recreation teammate John Kibelka. In the open class, unattached Mitchell Green won an uninspired decision against his much shorter opponent, Merling Castellano of the Apollo BC.

Heavyweight contender Gerry Cooney handled the color commentary on cable television, along with Madison Square Garden's John F.X. Condon.

RANDY GORDON

# Worldwide fight results

### HEAVYWEIGHTS

Larry Holmes stopped Leroy Jones, 8
(Retained World Heavyweight Title)
Mike Weaver kayoed John Tate, 15
(Won WBA Heavyweight Title)
Scott LeDoux decisioned Marty Monroe, 10
Greg Page beat George Chaplin, 10
Randy Mack iced Mike Rogers, 1
Jimmy Abbott destroyed Kallie Knoetze, 1
Fred Askew halted Charles Atlas, 7
Harvey Steichen beat Jeff Podgurski, 8
Randy Cobb iced Chebo Hernandez, 1
Young Joe Louis stopped Ivy Brown, 7
Ron Rousselle halted Ken Lakusta, 2
Trevor Berbick beat Johnny Warr, 10
Gordie Racette knocked out Mike Silva, 1
John Ellis stopped Zenith Thompson, 2
George Mostardini decisioned Mongol Ortiz, 10
George Williams halted Quinnie Locklear, 2
Mick Chmilowsky stopped Colin Flute, 2
Percell Davis kayoed Charlie Johnson, 7
Marvin Stinson stopped Eddie Wilson, 2
Percell Davis iced Raul Gorosito, 1
Lupe Guerra outpointed Jimmy Cross, 10
Claman Parker kayoed Billy Watkins, 2
Al Neumann beat Ken Arlt, 8
Al Neumann halted Nate Stewart, 4
John Zgraggen Jr. beat Arnold Sam, 6

### LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Matthew Saad Muhammad stopped John Conteh, 4
(Retained WBC Title)
Eddie Gregory halted Marvin Johnson, 11
(Won WBA Title)
Marvin Camel beat Mate Parlov, 15
(Won Vacant WBC Cruiserweight Title)
Ron Huston decisioned Henry Patterson, 10
Gary Summerhays stopped Eddy Melo, 11
Billy Ratliff kayoed Rico Castillo, 6
Roddy Mac Donald iced Kelly Anderson, 1
Lee Burkey beat Luke Capuano, 8
Chris Lawson decisioned Danny Lawford, 8
Billy Ratliff stopped Roberto Cruz, 6
Prince Tukani halted Harold Saaiman, 6

### MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Alan Minter outpointed Vito Antuofermo, 15
(Won Undisputed World Title)
Curtis Parker stopped David Love, 9
Mustafa Hamsho halted Reggie Jones, 6
Ray Seales halted Art Harris, 6
Sammy NeSmith stopped Ronnie Brown, 8
Gary Guiden kayoed Joe Barrientes, 3
Mario Maldonado iced Curtis Pittman, 1
Costello King beat Terry Jesmer, 8
Wayne Caplette stopped Steve Tohill, 4
Ralph Hollett decisioned Lancelot Innis, 10
Randy McGrady beat Richie Chavez, 5
James Callaghan beat John Sitharagym, 10
Lamont Lovelady decisioned Roy Dale, 10
George Danahar stopped Doug James, 6
Charley Malarkey beat Prince Rodney, 10
Joe Lally and Billy Hill drew, 8
Bob Patterson halted Joe Tiberi, 7
Gerald Bouchard beat Jimmy Gradson, 8
Terry Matthew decisioned Peter Simon, 8
J.B. Williams iced Dan Kirk, 1
Manuel Torres beat Marcus Dorsey, 10

### JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Sean Mannion decisioned Lawrence Hafey, 10
Rocky Mosley Jr. beat Aundra Love, 10
Tony Chiaverini beat Alfonso Frazer, 10
Steve Delgado decisioned Nino Gonzales, 10
Dave Meadows outpointed Agapito Ramirez, 10
Roger Leonard beat Johnny Gant, 8
Gary Holmgren stopped Emmett Atlas, 2
Tyrone Rackley decisioned Rocky Mosley Jr. 10
Buddy McKay beat Scott Bowers, 6

### WELTERWEIGHTS

Sugar Ray Leonard kayoed Dave Green, 4
(Retained World Title)
Pipino Cuevas stopped Harold Volbrecht, 5
(Retained WBA Title)
Pete Ranzany beat Pepi Dominguez, 10
Wilfred Benitez stopped Johnny Turner, 9
Thomas Hearns iced Santiago Valdez, 1
Luis Resto and Adolfo Viruet drew, 10
Clint Jackson halted Jimmy Heair, 9
Victor Abraham beat Jose Duarte, 10
Chico Salinas stopped Idika Nsofor, 7
Horace Shufford decisioned Stephen Chase, 10
Stanley Ledimo knocked out Ezekiel Melupe, 2
Mao de la Rosa beat Frankie Benitez, 10
Brian Muller stopped Clarence Howard, 2
Tyrone Wren iced William Jackson, 1
Ray Hammond stopped Earl Thomas, 2
Mike Michaud beat Jaime Rodriguez, 8
Akio Kamedo knocked out Kazunori Shiratori, 8
Ronald Zenon decisioned Joey Mack, 10
Jose Hernandez halted Pedro Carrasco, 2
Peter Kani stopped Hamilton Nykatha, 3
Louie Mateo kayoed Jerry Strickland, 2
Walter Clayton halted Von Reid, 6
Granville Allen beat Roy Varden, 8
Rich Kronick stopped Glenn Inlow, 4
Lenny Hahn halted Vicente Hernandez, 7

### JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Antonio Cervantes stopped Miguel Montilla, 7
(Retained World Title)
Willie Rodriguez beat Rocky Ramon, 12
Jo Kimpuani decisioned Christian Garcia, 12
(Retained EBU Title)
Herman Montes stopped Rogelio Castaneda, 3
Jeff Passero iced Tyrone Moore, 1
Jimmy Blevins stopped Manuel Torres, 5
Johnny Compo halted Jose Figueroa, 7
Carlos Lozano kayoed Juan Morales, 3
Eiichi Fukomoto beat Yoshitaka Hinenoya, 10
Termite Watkins halted Sammy Rookard, 4
Jeff Passero iced Richie Garland, 1
Lou Bizzarro, beat Javier Ayala, 10
Ernesto Moledi decisioned Ephraim Mebena, 10
Des Morrison halted Otis Hooper, 3
Javier Solis stopped Francisco Peralta, 2
Arthur Mayisela kayoed Nkululeko Nkosi, 3
Sal Dragone halted Hassan Muhammad, 3
Phindile Ndilele beat Louis Neveling, 6
Craig Stevens decisioned Otis Hooper, 6
Martin Jacobs beat Stephen Balene, 6
Monroe Brooks kayoed Miguel Sanchez, 2

### LIGHTWEIGHTS

Jim Watt kayoed Charley Nash, 4
(Retained WBC Title)
Aaron Pryor halted Julio Valdez, 4
Gaetan Hart decisioned Nick Furlano, 12
Johnny Summerhays beat Al Ford, 10
Cornelius-Boza Edwards stopped Fili Ramirez, 7
Steve Homan beat Ken Sallee, 10
Roberto Elizondo iced Don Sennett, 1
Ralph Racine knocked out Pedro Acosta, 5
Gaetan Hart stopped Tim LaValley, 8
Jacob Motseki halted Simon Molahloe, 9
Jean LaPointe beat Kenneth Muse, 8
Ray Cattouse kayoed Dave McCabe, 8
Nkosana Mgxaji beat Tsietsi Maretloane, 10
Tim Maloney beat Tony Davis, 8
Benny Marquez halted Roberto Perez, 3
Haruo Narita iced Yoshitaka Hinenoya, 1
William Mantso and Enock Motsoane drew, 4
Manasse Potse, beat Eric Ndlebende, 6
Arturo Leon outpointed Jorge Morales, 12
Davey Armstrong beat Miguel Hernendez, 6
Tony Sanchez stopped Gilberto Garza, 2

### JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Samuel Serrano halted Kiyoshi Kazama, 13
(Retained World Title)
Alexis Arguello decisioned Gerald Hayes, 10
(Non-title)
Bobby Chacon beat Bazooka Limon, 10
Alberto Collazo halted Rodolfo Francis, 7
Gerald Isaacs stopped Jafta Mokgosi, 2
Samuel Pule beat Michael Mohlabane, 10
Dennis Quimayousie decisioned Jaime Nava, 10
Elias Mphatsoe kayoed Thebe Monyane, 5
Bubba Thompson halted Wardell Williams, 6
Katsuji Sano beat Kazuaki Hamadi, 8
Hugo Lozano iced Ruben Chavarria, 1

### FEATHERWEIGHTS

Eusebio Pedroza kayoed Juan Malvares, 9
(Retained WBA Title)
Juan "Kid" Meza stopped Jorge Altamirano, 3
Sok-Tae Yun halted Shuzo Yoshida, 8
Hikaru Tomonari decisioned Yoshitaka Ikehara, 10
Roberto Castanon beat Evilio Barcala, 12
Juan "Kid" Meza kayoed Ruben Moreno, 4
Derrik Holmes beat Marcial Santiago, 10
Gerry O'Neill outpointed Terry McKeown, 10
Derrik Holmes iced Isaac Vega, 1
Ruben Olivares stopped Carlos Serrano, 5

### BANTAMWEIGHTS

Jorge Lujan stopped Shuchi Isogami, 9
(Retained World Title)
Jeff Chandler beat Andres Hernandez, 12
(Retained USBA Title)
Johnny Carter stopped Arden Peralta, 3
Johnny Carter beat Juan Garcia, 10
Jiro Takada halted Kazumi Sato, 7
Leo Randolph knocked out Tony Rocha, 2
Fred Jackson kayoed Silverio Martinez, 4
Rafael Tejeda halted Francisco Rodriguez, 5
Chris Gutierrez knocked out Jose Luis Lopez, 4
Gilberto Villicana beat Elias DeLeon, 10
Francisco Marquez drew with Gustavo Martinez, 10
Daryl Jones beat Raul Pacheco, 10
Jose Torres decisioned Rafael Capistro, 6

### FLYWEIGHTS

Hilario Zapata outpointed Shigeo Nakajima, 15
(Won WBC Junior Flyweight Title)
Willie Jenson stopped Mark Pacheco, 5
Simon Moema beat Johannes Sithebe, 10
Hong Soo Hyang decisioned Chicara Igarashi, 12
Pedro Galaviz halted Candy Iglesias, 6
Antonio Avelar stopped Aniceto Vargas, 5
Jose Zavala beat German Torres, 10
Danny Aguilar and Mario Cerda drew, 6
Ranching Louw beat Simon Mafere, 6
Israel Papane decisioned Johannes Phumo, 6
Jacob Molefe drew with Johannes Miya, 6

# Amateur ratings

**HEAVYWEIGHT**
1-Tony Tubbs, Santa Monica
2-Marvis Frazier, Philadelphia
3-Mitch Green, New York City
4-Jimmy Clark, Coatesville, Pa.
5-David Bey, Germantown, Pa.
6-Woody Clark, Ft. Bragg, N.C.
7-Alfonzo Ratliff, Chicago
8-Charles Hostetter, Odessa, Tex.
9-Ted Brown, Pittsburgh
10-Tyrone Biggs, Philadelphia
Bryan Jenkins, Plainfield, N.J.

**178 LBS.**
1-Tony Tucker, Grand Rapids
2-Lee Roy Murphy, Chicago
3-Elmer Martin, Navy
4-Jay Strickland, Dallas
5-Alex DeLucia Jr., Portland, Ore.
6-Mike Brothers, Springfield, Ill.
7-Porfirio Llanes, New York City
8-Roger Kirpatrick, Columbia, S.C.
9-James Spears, Nashville
10-Pete Corraiz Jr., Tucson

**165 LBS.**
1-Antonio Ayala, San Antonio
2-Jeff McCracken, Santa Monica
3-Lamont Kirkland, Omaha
4-Randy Smith, Chicago
5-Jesse Valdez, San Diego
6-Monte Oswald, Bay City, Mich.
7-Jack Padia, Penngrove, Calif.
8-Ronnie Warren, Tacoma, Wash.
9-Pancho Carter, Augusta, Ga.
10-Bill Burns, Albuquerque
Kilismasi Schwenke, Salt Lake City

**156 LBS.**
1-Jeff Stoudemire, Santa Monica
2-James Shuler, Philadelphia
3-Alex Ramos, Bronx, N.Y.
4-Alfred Mayes, St. Louis
5-Michael Grogan, Atlanta
6-Roosevelt Green, Santa Monica
7-Donald Bowers, Jackson, Tenn.
8-Robbie Sims, Brockton, Mass.
9-James Rayford, Navy
10-Jody Wingfield, Baltimore

**147 LBS.**
1-Ed Green, Ft. Bragg, N.C.
2-Donald Curry, Fort Worth
3-Milton McCrory, Detroit
4-Randy Jenkins, Philadelphia
5-Bobby Joe Young, Steubenville, Ohio
6-Jeff Lemair, Washington, D.C.
7-Ronnie Shields, Galena Park, Tex.
8-Pedro Vilella, New York City
9-Davey Moore, New York City
10-Sean Pruitt, Columbus, Ga.

**139 LBS.**
1-Johnny Bumphus, Nashville
2-Darrell Chambers, Detroit
3-Larry Tatman, Harahan, La.
4-Kelvin Burton, Santa Monica
5-Alfred Aguayo, Stockton, Calif.
6-Ronnie Romero, Salt Lake City
7-Dennis Armstrong, Santa Monica
8-Darryl Fuller, Jackson, Tenn.
9-Darrell Stubblefield, Everett, Wash.
10-Floyd Peavy, Glen Falls, N.Y.

**132 LBS.**
1-Davey Armstrong, Santa Monica
2-Robin Blake, Levelland, Tex.
3-Brett Summers, Everett, Wash.
4-Pat Jefferson, Rapid City, S.D.
5-Robert Hines, Philadelphia
6-Anthony Fletcher, Philadelphia
7-Kelvin Andreasen, Salt Lake City
8-Melvin Paul, New Orleans
9-Jimmie Paul, Detroit
10-Rudy Fuentez, Milwaukee

**125 LBS.**
1-Bernard Taylor, Charlotte, N.C.
2-Roland Cooley, Philadelphia
3-Eiichi Jumawan, Wahiawa, Hawaii
4-Daniel Avery, Santa Monica
5-Mike Felde, Missoula, Mont.
6-Ben Rodriguez, Omaha
7-Arnie Wells, Davison, Mich.
8-Billy White, Ozark, Ark.
9-Steve Pardoza, Hollister, Calif.
10-Greg Villegas, Eugene, Ore.
Dino Ramirez, LaPuente, Calif.

**119 LBS.**
1-Jackie Beard, Jackson, Tenn.
2-Kenneth Baysmore, Washington, D.C.
3-Steve Cruz, Fort Worth
4-Myron Taylor, Philadelphia
5-Ernie Chavez, Blackfoot, Ida.
6-Joe Johnson, Detroit
7-Steve Hindi, Albuquerque
8-Vincent Christian, Philadelphia
9-Hector Camacho, New York City
10-Rey Ordonio, Fairfield, Calif.
Willie Sanders, Washington, D.C.

**112 LBS.**
1-Jerome Coffee, Nashville
2-Harold Petty, St. Louis
3-Hurley Snead, Detroit
4-Sonny Long, Santa Monica
5-Nathan Mattos, Hilo, Hawaii
6-Amos Salazar, Albuquerque
7-Tyrone Stewart, Ft. Lewis, Wash.
8-Kenny Mitchell, Bronx, N.Y.
9-James Cullins, Bladensburg, Md.
10-Louis Curtis, Washington, D.C.
Tony Montoya Jr., Salt Lake City

**106 LBS.**
1-Richard Sandoval, Pomona, Calif.
2-Israel Acosta, Milwaukee
3-Mike Caruthers, Ft. Bragg, N.C.
4-Ronald Byrd, Flint, Mich.
5-Manuel Soto, Salt Lake City
6-Robert Shannon, Edmonds, Wash.
7-Gilbert Castillo, Lubbock, Tex.
8-Miguel Rosario, New York City
9-Joe Starr, Pekin, Ill.
10-Jeff Whaley, Santa Monica

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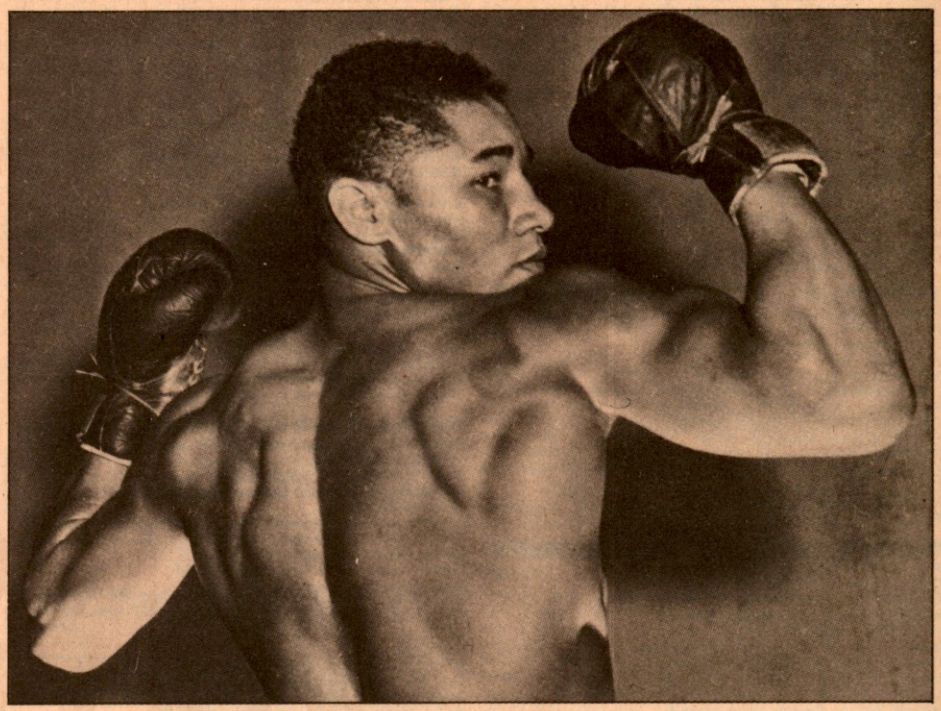

## BEAU JACK
## THE LITTLE CHAMP

"YOUHAFTATALKTOTHELITTLECHAMP," Chick Wergeles said. "He makes a good interview on account of his Southern brawl."

The little champ, Beau Jack, was in one of the smaller salons in Stillman's Social and Reading Club getting ready for his ten-round brawl with Willie Joyce. His broad, flat face was intent watching his trainer, Sid Bell, bandage his hands. He said he felt fine and had found Army life fine.

"Fine," he said. "First eight-nine months in the Army I just dig, dig all the time. Then they make me a instructor. When I went in I figure I gonna have fun. I did. A lot of fun."

"He went in on account of he wanted to," Wergeles said. "He wasn't grafted or nothin'."

"I just boxed only once in the Army," Beau said. "At Benning in Jojah. They've five hundred paratroopers going overseas wants me to box, so I boxed for 'em and afterwards after they got over there I kep' gettin' letters from 'em how they always remember what I done."

"He reads his own letters himself," Wergeles says. "He amazes me how he improved one hundred per cent reading and writing in the Army. He reads his own newspaper stories by himself now."

Beau said he didn't know how much he weighed and didn't care, had no plans or preference for any weight division.

"Lightweight, welterweight, I doan know," he said. "Just so I keep on fightin' somewheres. I love to fight."

"He loves to fight," Wergeles said. "If he didn't get no pay for it, he'd still wanta fight just to relieve the monopoly. With him money is secondary. 'Money,' he says, 'is for givin' away.' How about that? Besides, he's got his family to think about."

"I got three little Beau Jacks," Beau said, grinning. "Ain't none of 'em gonna be no fighters, though. Nossir."

"He loves to fight," Wergeles said, "and he's strong and he's just coming along. He's only twenty-three."

"Twenty-five," Beau said.

"No," Wergeles said, "you got it wrong again. You was nineteen when you started fightin' and you been fightin' four years. Twenty-three."

"Look," Beau said stubbornly. He lifted an index finger and ticked it off as though counting. "April the 1st, 1921."

He and Wergeles and Bell were silent a moment, pondering. "Twenty-four," Bell said.

"Okay," Wergeles said, "twenty-four. Raisin' twenty-five."

Beau stood up and flexed his hands and walked upstairs to punch the small bag. He worked hard and tirelessly, flailing from all angles and laughing when he landed with extra violence.

"He's a bad bag fighter," Wergeles said. "I mean, punchin' the bag. I don't mean bag fights. I wouldn't have nothin' to do with anything wasn't on the level. I used to work for Jack Curley, the rassling promoter. Then one day I heard there was something funny about rassling. After twenty years I found out it wasn't on the level and I couldn't stand it. When Curley died I told a guy: 'He heard a couple of his guys was fakin' and the shock killed him.' "

He laughed uproariously. "What I mean, the little champ don't look good punchin' the bag," he said. "He has got to have an other guy to punch. Then he loves it. Only thing, I'm afraid he might get a little tired going ten rounds with Joyce on account of he ain't boxed. But he's good and strong."

Bell said: "All right," and started to detach the small bag, but Beau kept punching at it. "Quit it," Bell said, "you'll bust the bag. Quit, I tell you."

He turned Beau loose on the big bag for a while, then stepped in to swab him with a towel. Beau buffeted his trainer as he worked, slamming light punches into his middle and cutting loose now and then with a whistling hook that barely missed. Bell worked patiently, backing away. "Keep horsin' around," he warned, "and you'll bust these glasses."

"Look at him," Wergeles said. "He'll get down to a lightweight again easy, the way he loves to work. He'd work nights if I'd leave him do it. He loves to fight. He's illiterate." ■

# THE JUNIOR DIVISIONS

## A History of Boxing's "illegitimate" weight classes, spawned in Europe, raised in the U.S, and recently brought into adulthood

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The term "junior" is defined by Webster as "the younger; of more recent position; a person of lower standing or rank." To many people, it means someone under the age of 16. In boxing, it is none of the above.

There are now "junior" middleweights, "junior" welterweights, "junior" lightweights, "junior" featherweights, "junior" flyweights, and even "junior" bantamweights, the newest entry in the field. In recent years, the World Boxing Council has tried to remove the "junior" stigma by rechristening each "junior" division with the name "super." Thus, "junior middleweight" (154 pounds), the division between middleweight (160) and welterweight (147), becomes "super welterweight," "junior welterweight" becomes "super lightweight," etc. TV, of course, has given its full blessings. They've found it easier to market things named "super" (e.g., "super spectaculars," etc., ad infinitum). All of these "junior" (or "super") divisions can be defined by weight. But they are more readily defined by TV's need to put on championship bouts.

But "super" aside, just where did these infernal things called "junior divisions" come from?

They came — from Europe.

There were junior lightweight champions before 1920. One of them, Joe Nudelman (who fought under the name of "Battling 'Kid' Nelson") is still living in the Bronx. He won his title back in 1914, when he went to Europe with his manager, Hymon Cantor, and knocked out one Fritz Schmidt in Koblitz, Germany. Schmidt, the earliest known "junior" champion, was stopped in the eleventh round. How Fritz won his title is not known, but the "junior lightweight" crown was a European property until it passed to Nelson.

Battling "Kid" Nelson successfully defended his title by knocking out Gerry (Bud) Anderson in the second round in London and lost it to Benny (Kid) Berger in Liverpool on a 15-round decision. What Berger did with his junior lightweight title is not known, but, on March 15, 1917, Artie O' Leary (real name Lieberman) outscored Jimmy Kane in 15 rounds in Providence, R.I., to win the "junior lightweight championship of the world." (O'Leary had outpointed Earl Baird in 10 and Kane had beaten Jack Lawlor in 20 in "elimination bouts" before this.) O'Leary held the "crown" till 1919.

The next mention of a junior lightweight division comes in 1920, when New York adopted "junior" weights.

Why did they? The answer was provided by Nat Fleischer's editorial in the July, 1946 issue of *The Ring*.

"When the first Athletic Commission was appointed by the governor in 1920, the members found the Walker Law all ready for action. The members of the Commission were Joseph Johnson, chairman; Walter G. Hooke, and Edward Ditmars. The Secretary was Charles A. White, and

there was a License Committee, composed of Laurence McGuire, chairman; D. Walker Wear, and Charles E. Walsh.

"This Commission was confronted by 'Rules and Regulations' formulated by the Army and Navy and Civilian Board of Boxing Control and the International Sporting Club of New York, and adopted by the Legislature of the State of New York in an act allowing and regulating boxing and sparring matches, enacted in 1920.

"These rules and regulations provided for a junior flyweight class with a limit of 109 pounds, a junior bantam division with a limit of 115 pounds, a junior featherweight class with a limit of 122 pounds, a junior lightweight class with a limit of 130 pounds and a junior welter class with a limit of 140 pounds.

"The original New York Boxing Commission therefore had no option but to accept these junior titles and all other portions of the law introduced in the Legislature by Senator Walker. As the writer was a member of the committee that drew up the boxing rules, now part of the law, permit me to say that the original draft of the regulations did not contain any reference to junior titles.

"These extra titles developed in the brain of William A. Gavin, who organized the Army, Navy and Civilian Board of Boxing Control and were inserted in the law against the protest of Charles F. Mathison, Charley Harvey, Ned Brown and myself. Other members of the committee later also objected.

"The opinion of these men was that the original titles were quite sufficient without any junior classes being added. But Gavin, an Englishman who had come to this country to organize an International Sporting Club, insisted that boxing would be greatly benefited by the additional championships, and because he represented huge financial interests, the cream of New York sportsmen, he had his way with the New York Legislature, over the protests of New York's leading sportswriters. That is how the junior divisions came into existence."

Thus was Gavin, an Englishman familiar with the junior divisions in Europe, responsible for their establishment in the United States. Eight months later, on January 11, 1921, the newly formed National Boxing Association (representing 15 states) adopted these weight classes, too.

"Junior" had arrived.

On November 18, 1922, the first "junior" world title bout was held in New York City. That was when Johnny Dundee met George (K.O.) Chaney in a scheduled 15-round bout for the junior lightweight championship of the world.

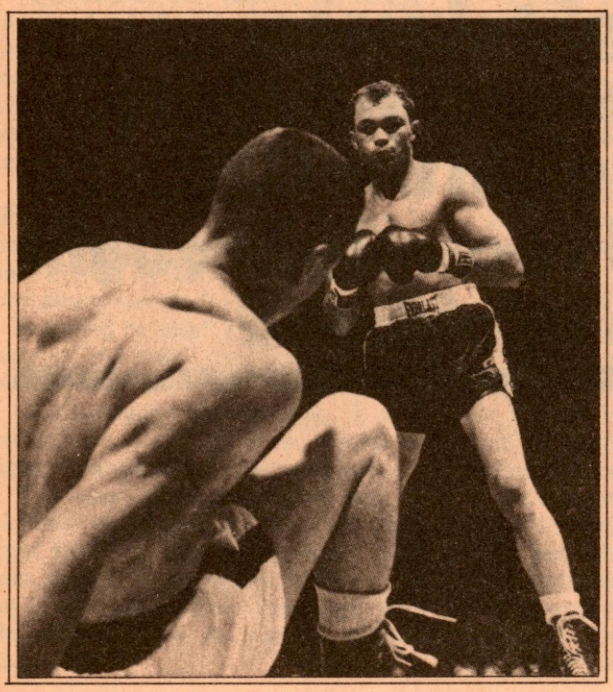
Tex Rickard promoted the fight, and "Dundee," in the words of *The New York Times,* "was clearly the master in the short time the bout lasted. The Italian appreciated the punching power of the compactly built southpaw from Baltimore, and proceeded accordingly, outboxing Chaney at long range and stopping the left-hander's attempts in the action at close range."

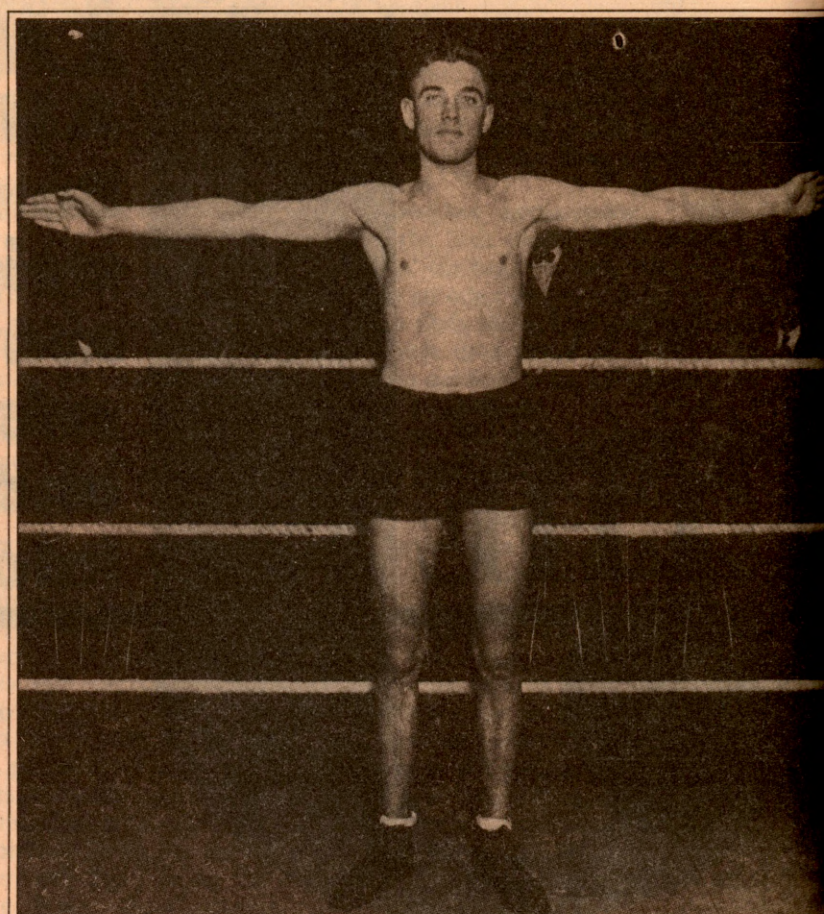
Referee William (Kid) McPartland warned Chaney for low punching three times — once in the first session, twice more in the third. At 1:07 of the fifth round, Dundee complained of another foul, and the Kid stopped the bout. Announcer Joe Humphries then announced that Dundee had won on a foul, and was "the *new* junior lightweight champion of the world."

As far as the New York boxing fan was concerned, the junior lightweight division was the creation of Tex Rickard, not the Army, Navy, and Civilian Board of Boxing Control. He'd "created" it to make a champion of Johnny Dundee, who, in 11 years of boxing, had only been given one title shot — a 20-round "draw" with then world featherweight king Johnny Kilbane back in 1913. The diamond-studded belt Tex gave the winner of the Dundee-Chaney bout only made that impression stronger, and the unsatisfactory ending of the fight did not help matters, either.

Dundee popularized the junior lightweight title in the next year and a half, defeating Jack Sharkey, Vincent (Pepper)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS (BELOW) KENNY LANE IS DECKED BY CARLOS ORTIZ IN THEIR BATTLE FOR THE REVIVED CROWN ON JUNE 12, 1959. ORTIZ WON BY TKO. (RIGHT) MYRON (PINKEY) MITCHELL, WHO BECAME THE FIRST JUNIOR WELTER CHAMP AS THE RESULT OF A POLL CONDUCTED BY A MIDWEST BOXING SHEET IN 1922.





Martin, and Elino Flores. But some of the lustre came off the crown when Jack Bernstein was handed a 15-round decision over Dundee — and the title — at the New York Velodrome on May 30, 1923. Johnny's corner hollered that the verdict was unfair, and the two were rematched for Madison Square Garden on December 17. This time, Dundee won "just about the worst decision ever foisted upon the boxing public." Johnny had agreed to accept a small purse, and this, one must remember, was the 1920s; gambling on fights like this was heavy. Things, in short, looked bad.

They were going to get worse. Six months later, Dundee lost the title to Steve (Kid) Sullivan, a 27-year-old Brooklyn fighter whose real name was Stephen J. Tricamo. After outpointing his old rival, Pepper Martin, on August 18, 1924, Sullivan took on Mike Ballerino, who had beaten him before he won the title. This time, Mike was mysteriously docile, and Sullivan knocked him "out" in the fifth round. There was a lot of "whispering" about this one, according to Wilbur Wood of the New York *Sun*.

"Twenty-four hours before the fight, Ballerino was the favorite in the betting. When the first preliminary went on, the odds had switched to 8-5 in favor of Sullivan. When the champion and the challenger entered the ring, 'wise money' was being wagered at as high as three to one that Sullivan would score a knockout. Some there were who offered to bet that the challenger would not last six rounds. There is something for you to think about."

Wilbur, the first president of the Boxing Writers' Association, wrote another article the next day called "130-Pound Title Makes Trouble." He reviewed the second Dundee-Bernstein fight, the Sullivan-Ballerino bout, and summed things up as follows:

"So far, the junior lightweight trouble has been a thorn in boxing's side. Will it continue to be such?"

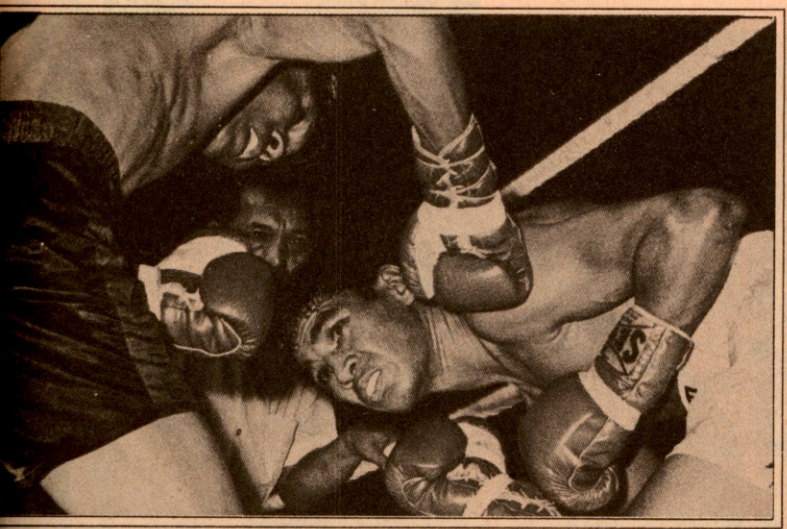
A Ballerino - Sullivan rematch saw Mike win convincingly and take the title. The next junior lightweight champion was Tod Morgan (real name Bert Tod Pilkington), who stopped Ballerino in the 10th round at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles on December 2nd, 1925. Morgan held the title for four years, and did a lot toward re-establishing the popularity of the division. One of the contributing factors to this was the titular inactivity of Sammy Mandell, the lightweight king for much of Morgan's junior lightweight reign. Mandell won his crown on July 3, 1926, and didn't make his first defense until May 21, 1928. Morgan, on the other hand, successfully defended his 130-pound crown at least 12 times within one three-year period.

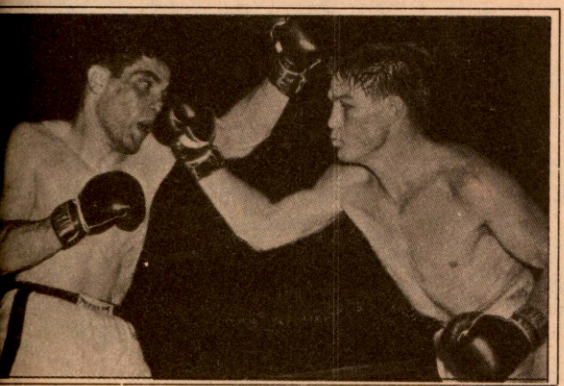
When Tod came down, however, it was hard. On December 20, 1929, Benny Bass, ex-featherweight king, met Morgan in a scheduled 15-round title fight in Madison Square Garden before 9,000 spectators. Bass was a 3-1 favorite on the afternoon of the fight, but those odds went to 4-1 in the early evening and, while the prelims were on, odds as high as 5-1 were offered in the Garden lobby that Bass would win. "Among the rumors in circulation before the match started was one that it would end in the second round with Bass the winner on a knockout," wrote Jim Dawson in *The New York Times*. "Similar rumors have been circulated in advance of other matches in which attempts were made to designate the round in which a match would end, but few were so accurately fulfilled as was last night's."

Bass knocked out Morgan with a right to the jaw in 51 seconds of the second round.

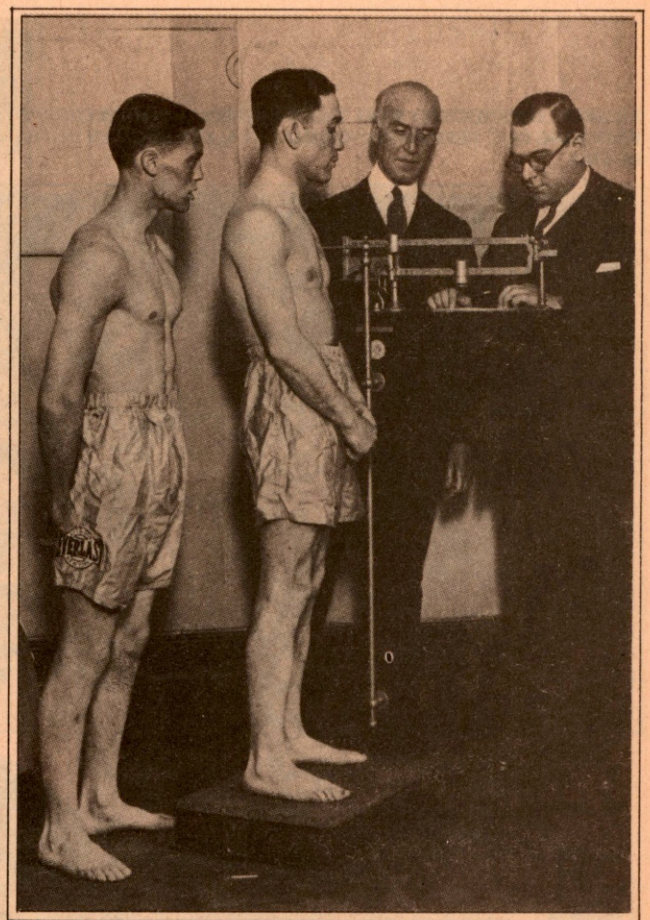
New York State Commission Chairman James A. Farley was seated at ringside. "I have instructed the Garden authorities to send the purses of Morgan and Bass to the commission pending an investigation of this bout," he said. "I don't like some of the circumstances, and an investigation will do no harm."

On December 31, the New York State Athletic Commission abolished the junior weight divisions. The action, aimed directly at the Bass-Morgan bout, put an end to





JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS (LEFT) HAROLD GOMES, FLOORED FOUR TIMES, WINS THE REVIVED TITLE BY DEFEATING PAUL JORGENSON, JULY 21, 1959. (ABOVE) RENE BARRIENTOS WINS THE WBC TITLE, BEATING RUBEN NAVARRO. (RIGHT) TOD MORGAN AND BENNY BASS WEIGH IN, DECEMBER 19, 1929.



weight divisions which, in the opinion of many, were unnecessary, and, in the case of the junior lightweight class, riddled with "unsatisfactory" (to use the expression of that time) title bouts.

On January 4, 1930, Edward B. Foster, chairman of the NBA's championship committee, wired John W. Driskill, secretary of the Association, his recommendation for the abolition of junior classes by the NBA. The NBA, however, took no action, and member states held junior title battles for the next five years. The Pennsylvania Commission was particularly active, recognizing Bass as junior lightweight king and sanctioning a title bout between him and Lew Massey. The bout held in the Philadelphia Arena on January 5, 1931, resulted in a 10-round (the maximum distance permissable in Pennsylvania) unanimous decision victory for Bass.

Six months later, Kid Chocolate (real name Eligio Sardinias) stopped Bass in the seventh round at Baker Bowl in Philly to annex the junior lightweight crown. The "Keed," however, concentrated on his New York State recognized world featherweight title after winning it on a 12-round TKO over Lew Feldman (in what must also be regarded as a 130-pound title defense) in Madison Square Garden on Oct 13, 1932.

On December 26, 1933, Chocolate defended his junior lightweight title against Frankie Klick, who stopped him in the seventh round. Klick, however, found that he was unable to make 130 pounds, and did not attempt to do so after his bout with Chocolate. The junior lightweight title faded into the sunset as Frankie put on weight. No attempt was made to find another champion.

On March 5, 1934, nine weeks after the Chocolate fight, Klick fought Barney Ross for the latter's junior welterweight crown. Frankie, who weighed 136, was given what San Francisco *Cronicle* writer Harry B. Smith called a "native son decision" of a draw by referee Toby Irwin after 10 rounds in Frisco's Civic Auditorium. (Frankie was a native San Franciscan.)

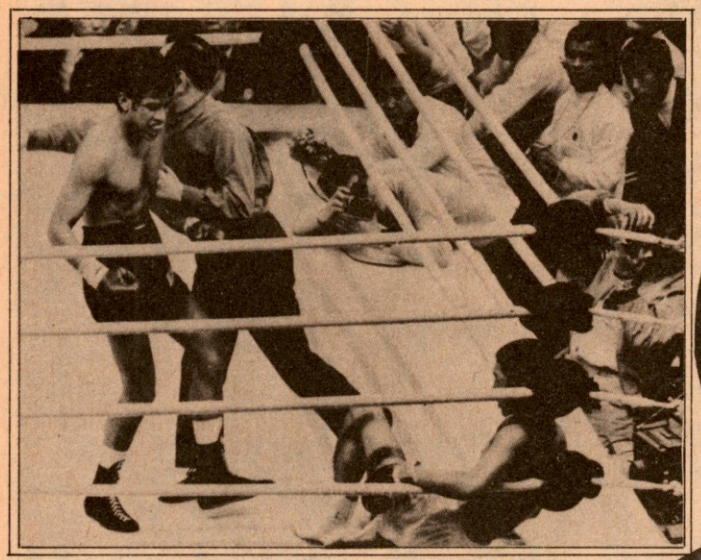
On Thursday, January 19, 1922, the National Boxing Association, before adjourning its convention in New Orleans, decided that it wouldn't recognize the junior flyweight, junior bantamweight and junior featherweight classes after all. It did, however, vote to keep the junior light and junior welter divisions, and said that it would recognize a champion in each weight class before the end of the year. The New York Commission had already given the world a junior lightweight king in Johnny Dundee, but there was, as yet, no junior welter champ.

The NBA got an assist in its "hunt" from Mike Collins, publisher of the *Boxing Blade,* of Minneapolis, a well known sheet in the midwest. Collins invited his readers to pick "the best man in the world at 140 pounds" and put up a $2,000 belt. The votes poured in, and Myron Herbert (Pinkey) Mitchell, Richie's younger brother, was proclaimed the first junior welterweight champion of the world. The fact that the Mitchells were from Milwaukee — in the midwest — may have had something to do with it.

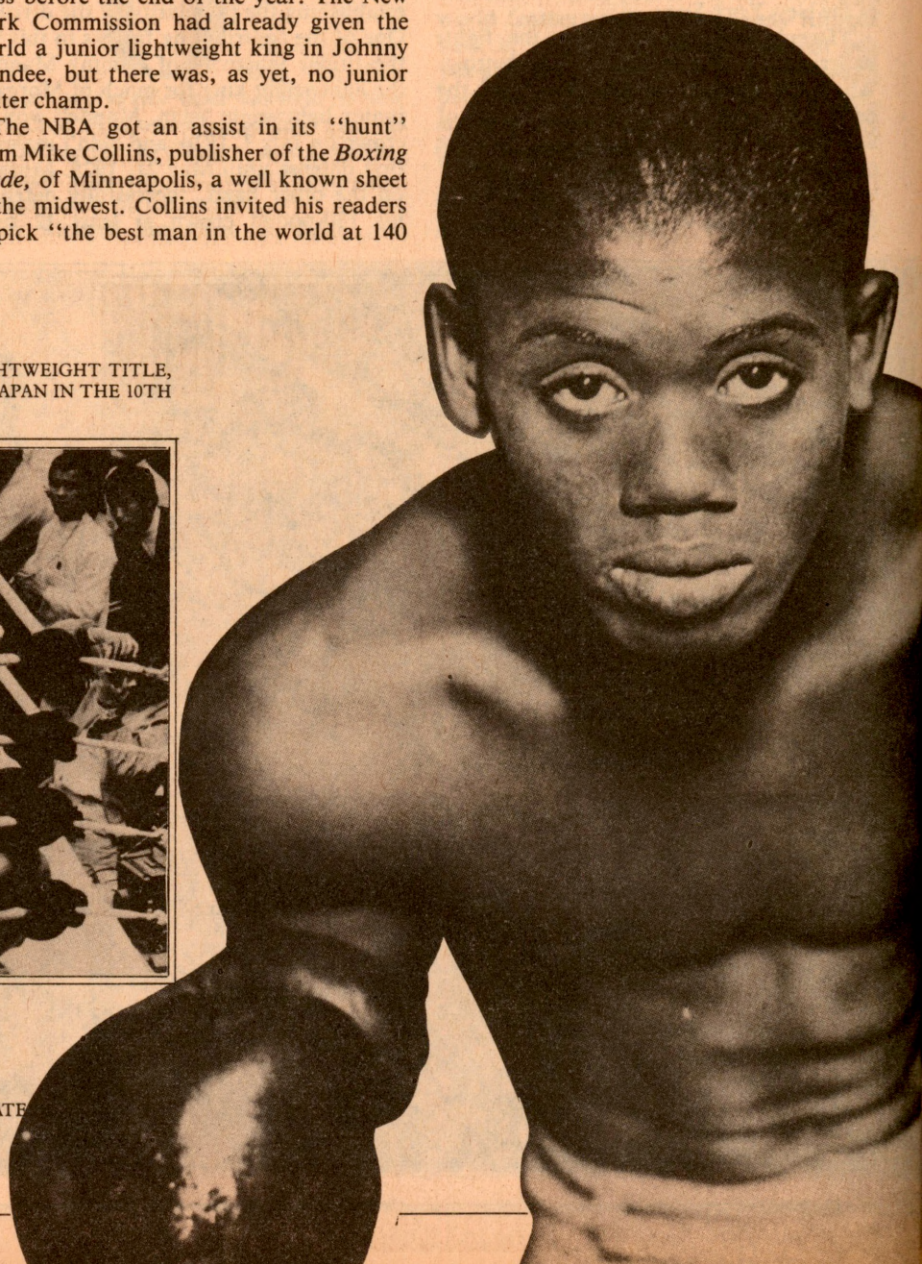
No one really took the title seriously, and the 5′ 11″ Mitchell almost never defended it. He fought above 140 pounds on all but a few occasions over the next four years, and made sure the bout would be "no decision" before he allowed himself to reach or dip below that figure. On September 21, 1926, however, he agreed to put his title on the line in a 10-round bout with "Mushy Callahan" (real name Vincent Morris Scheer) in a decision bout in Vernon, California — and lost.

(You'll notice that these junior champs were fond of "ring names." Apparently, they were too embarrassed about being junior champs to use their real ones.)

Callahan was guilty of the same sin as his



RICARDO ARRENDONDO WINS THE WBC JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE, KNOCKING OUT DEFENDING YOSHIAKI NUMATA OF JAPAN IN THE 10TH ROUND.



THE GREAT KID CHOCOLATE

predecesssor — over-the-weight contests. "Mushy," as far as can be determined, defended his title only three times in the next three years, defeating Andy DiVodi, Spug Myers, and Fred (Dummy) Mahan. Tex Rickard gave Callahan a championship belt after he kayoed DiVodi in the second round of a scheduled 12-rounder in Madison Square Garden on March 14, 1927.

Mushy lost his title when Jack (Kid) Berg, who had licked him in a non-title bout in Brooklyn on July 24, 1929, stopped him after 10 rounds in London's Royal Albert Hall on February 18, 1930. (The British were distinctly anti-"junior." The British Board of Boxing Control refused to recognize the bout as any sort of "title" fight, and Lord Lonsdale himself protested loudly when the ring announcer introduced the contest as for the "junior welterweight championship of the world." The lord was quickly shouted down by Kid Berg's handlers.

Berg, the "Whitechapel Whirlwind," fought eleven times from then through April 10, 1931, and only two of those bouts were "over the weight." His career as champ was climaxed when he was presented with the National Boxing Association Belt, emblematic of the junior welterweight title, on April 21, 1931, three days before Tony Canzoneri knocked him out in the third round and took his crown. (The NBA had withdrawn recognition from Callahan prior to his fight with Berg in London).

Tony, who already held the lightweight title, held the 140-pound diadem until Johnny Jadick won a close decision over him in the Philadelphia Arena. A rematch, held in Baker Bowl six months later, resulted in a much disputed verdict in favor of Jadick. "The verdict," according to the Associated Press, "was booed by the fans, and immediately the ring was showered with cushions, papers, and everything handy. It was one of the wildest demonstrations seen here in years. Even Canzoneri was hit by baseball cushions."

Jadick lost the crown to Battling Shaw in New Orleans on February 20, 1933, and Shaw, a Mexican who began life as Jose Peres in Laredo, Texas, lost it back to Canzoneri. Sammy Goldman, Tony's manager, said he was glad the title had come back to Canzoneri because "I want to have it abolished.

"It never was of any use to anyone — just a bit of ballyhoo," he said.

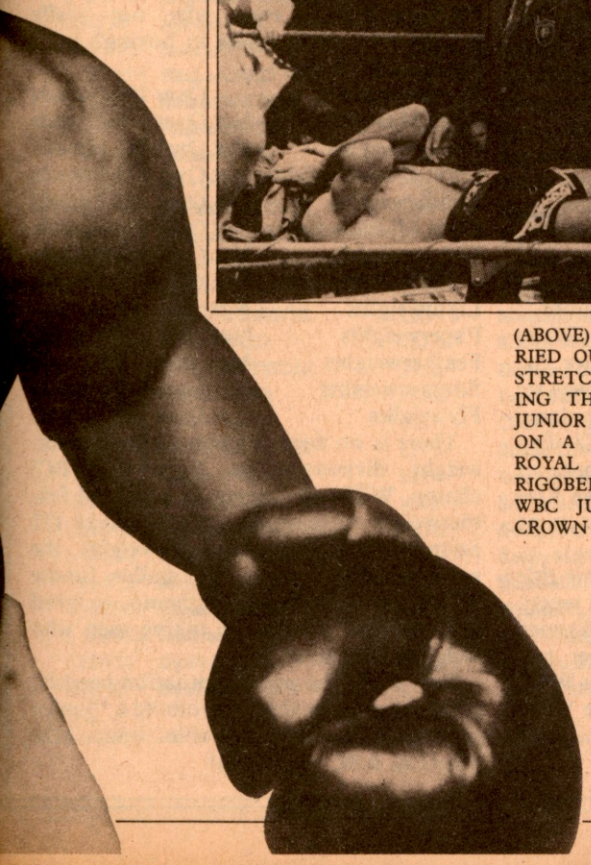
In Tony's next fight, Barney Ross defeated him (majority decision) for the lightweight title and Canzoneri's junior welter bauble automatically went with it. Barney made a few stabs at defending the 140-pound title, independent of his lightweight crown, but gave up the former when he won the welterweight title from Jimmy McLarnin for the second time. That was in 1935.

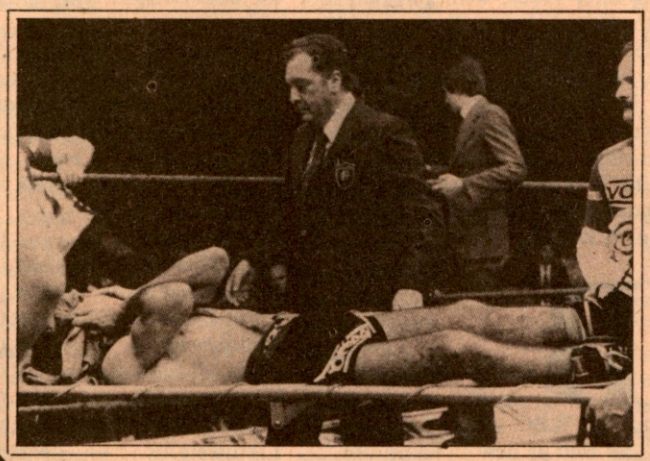
Sammy Goldman had gotten his wish. The junior welter title was abolished.

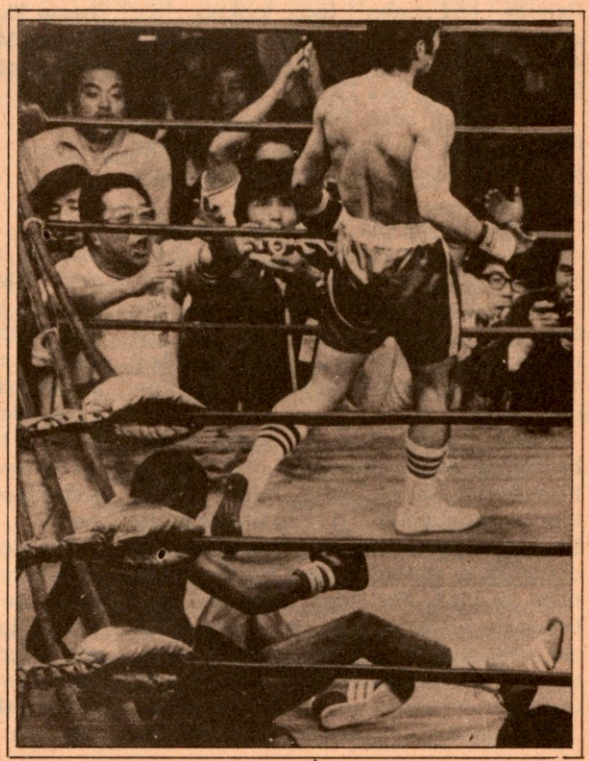
There was a junior featherweight title in the 1920s, too. On September 21, 1922, Cleveland's Jack (Kid) Wolfe and former bantamweight champ Joe Lynch hooked up for the vacant title in "one of the most disappointing and unsatisfactory bouts seen in this city since the return of legalized boxing." It was announced as for the junior featherweight championship of the world, but the New York State Athletic Commission refused to grant title recognition.

Lynch was far off form, and Wolfe, who forced what little fighting there was, got the decision. The crowd was so (vocally) dissatisfied that, before the start of the eleventh round, referee Patsy Haley stepped to the center of the ring and addressed the gathering. "If I thought that these boys were not giving their best I would throw both of them out . . ." That's as far as he got when the crowd set up a roar and drowned him out.

Lynch lost his "title" when the Bronx's Carl Duane (Yacconetti) decisioned him over 12 rounds in the Queensboro A.C. on August 29, 1923. Carl, however, never could make 122 pounds (the class limit)







(ABOVE) FRANCO UDELLA IS CARRIED OUT OF THE RING ON A STRETCHER. HE WON—BECOMING THE FIRST (WBC) WORLD JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION ON A FOUL. (RIGHT) JAPAN'S ROYAL KOBAYASHI KAYOES RIGOBERTO RIASCO FOR THE WBC JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT CROWN IN 1976.

after that, and the title, as it was, was soon forgotten.

he junior welterweight title was vacant — nonexistent would be a better description — from 1935 to 1946, when the Massachusetts Boxing Commission sanctioned a 12-round bout between Tippy Larkin (real name Antonio Pilleteri) of Garfield, N.J., and Willie Joyce of Gary, Indiana for the "world junior welterweight championship." (Mass. had not enjoyed a title bout in years.) Larkin climbed off the canvas thrice to outpoint Joyce and win the title, which the National Boxing Association and the New York State Athletic Commission had agreed to recognize.

Larkin beat Joyce in a 12-round return bout in Madison Square Garden four and a half months later. By now, however, Tippy was a full-fledged welterweight, and could not make 140 pounds with ease.

Many in boxing were openly hostile to the idea of a junior welterweight revival in the first place, and Larkin made no further efforts to defend his "title."

Larry Atkins, enterprising promoter at the Cleveland Arena, staged a "world junior lightweight championship bout" between former featherweight king Sandy Saddler and Orlando Zulueta on December 6, 1949. Atkins had little difficulty in getting the approval of the NBA, which welcomed the chance to sanction junior lightweight title bouts across the country.

Saddler outpointed Zulueta clearly, though he only got a split decision. Sandy defended his new crown against Lauro Salas four months later, "and his brutal infighting had Salas' face looking like ground beef after three frames." The fight was stopped at 2:51 of the ninth round, Saddler winning on a TKO.

Five months later, Saddler regained his featherweight title from Willie Pep, and the junior lightweight crown was put back into mothballs.

n 1959, during the TV boom, the NBA decided to re-establish the junior lightweight and junior welterweight titles. And, when Madison Square Garden staged the Carlos Ortiz-Kenny Lane fight for the vacant junior lightweight crown, the New York State Athletic Commission came into the picture.

Harold Gomes won the junior welter bauble by decisioning Paul Jorgensen in Providence, Rhode Island, July 20, 1959. His successor, Gabriel (Flash) Elorde of the Philippines, defended the crown often, and did much to win acceptance for the junior titles. In 1962, *The Ring*, which had been listing the junior champs as contenders for the welterweight and lightweight crowns, respectively, recognized both junior weight divisions.

That same year, at its annual convention, the NBA declared another junior class — the junior middleweight, with a limit of 154 pounds. (This was a stroke of originality; even the original New York Army, Navy, and Civilian Board had not stipulated a junior middleweight division.) A bout between Dennis Moyer and Joey Giambra was held for the 154-pound crown, and Moyer won a unanimous decision in a very, very clean fight. (The referee was Sonny Liston.)

*The Ring's* publisher, Nat Fleischer, was still opposed to the idea of junior classes, and he absolutely refused to recognize the junior middleweight division. It was not until after Mr. Fleischer's death in 1972 that this policy was changed.

In February, 1963, Jose Sulaiman, who expected to be elected president of the WBA (formerly the NBA) at its annual convention in Miami Beach (and wasn't), broke away and formed his own group, the World Boxing Council. Relatively harmless at first, the WBC began its "war to the death" with the WBA in 1968, when it "withdrew recognition" from world junior welterweight champion Paul Fujii and set up a bout between Pedro Adigue and Adolph Pruitt for the "vacant" title. Hiroshi Kobayashi's junior lightweight crown was next, with the WBC declaring Rene Barrientos the new champ after he outpointed Ruben Navarro in Quezon City, Philippines.

The World Boxing Council concentrated on creating havoc in the regular weight classes in the early 1970s, with TV glad to have the extra "title" bouts. In the middle of the decade, the WBC turned its attention to the junior middleweight division, which had gained in respectability to the point where it warranted a separate WBC champion. Accordingly, the Council stripped champ Koichi Wajima and set up a bout between Miguel de Oliviera and Jose Duran for the vacant WBC title.

By now (1975), the TV super era was well with us, and the WBC decided to create new "titles" as well as new "champions." They set up a bout between Franco Udella and Valentin Martinez for the "junior flyweight" crown. (The division limit was set at 108 instead of the original 109 stipulated by the New York Army, Navy and Civilian Board.) The WBA, not to be outdone, set up its own title bout, between Jaime Rios and Rigoberto Marcano, later that same year.

The Council stripped Udella of his title within five months, and transferred recognition to Luis Estaba after he kayoed Rafael Lovera, the WBC's number one contender. The WBC giveth and the WBC taketh away, as the saying goes. The WBA got into the junior flyweight act that same year, too.

Feeling its oats (and the lure of additional TV revenue), the World Boxing Council created the "super bantamweight" (really the old junior featherweight) division in 1976. (They had started calling all their other junior divisions "super," with the exception of the junior flyweight, in 1975.) The WBA avoided temptation for as long as it could (one year), and then sanctioned its own 122-pound (junior featherweight) title bout between Soo-Hwan Hong and Hector Carrasquilla.

There have been other "junior" titles, and, God help us, there will probably be more. In 1974, the Columbus, Ohio, Boxing Commission sanctioned a "junior light heavyweight" (167 pounds) title bout between Bill Douglas and Danny Brewer (the latter a substitute for Casey Gacic). Douglas won by kayo in the second round. Recently, Seung-Hoon Lee outpointed Rafael Orono for the WBC's new "super flyweight" (i.e., junior bantamweight, 115 pounds) title.

For awhile, boxing people thought of a "junior heavyweight" division, and the WBC went through with it. They decided, however, to call it the "cruiserweight" division and set it at 190 pounds. (This will, undoubtedly, confuse the more casual fans, "cruiserweight" falling, as it does, *between* the heavyweight and *light* heavyweight divisions.)

Instead of these absurd "junior" divisions, made up, for the most part, of bantamweights who don't want to train off a few pounds and declare themselves "junior featherweights," etc., why not *really* change the weight limits in boxing? Let's have things like this:

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| Heavyweights | Over 199 Pounds |
| Light Heavyweights | Not Over 199 Pounds |
| Cruiserweights | Not Over 182 Pounds |
| Light Cruiserweights | Not Over 170 Pounds |
| Middleweights | Not Over 162 Pounds |
| Light Middleweights | Not Over 154 Pounds |
| Welterweights | Not Over 147 Pounds |
| Light Welterweights | Not Over 140 Pounds |
| Lightweights | Not Over 135 Pounds |
| Paperweights | Not Over 130 Pounds |
| Featherweights | Not Over 126 Pounds |
| Bantamweights | Not Over 120 Pounds |
| Flyweights | Not Over 115 Pounds |

There is no need for any junior featherweight division. The current (WBC) champ, Wilfredo Gomez, is a natural featherweight training on water to make 122 pounds. As for the junior flyweights, the world is getting bigger, not smaller. Jimmy Wilde, the first flyweight champ, weighed 108, yet had no trouble taking men who weighed 115 and above.

But, while the present situation persists, someone may be able to promote a "junior junior featherweight" title bout (120 pounds). ABC will love it!

## WORLD JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS

Compiled by Herbert G. Goldman

| Date | Winner | Weight | Loser | Weight | Result | Time KO | Site | Referee |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10/20/62 | **Dennis MOYER** | 153¾ | **Joey GIAMBRA** | 154 | unan 15 | | Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Ore. | Sonny Liston |
| 2/19/63 | **Dennis MOYER** | 153½ | **Stan HARRINGTON** | 150¼ | unan 15 | | Civic Auditorium, Honolulu, Oahu | Louis Freitas |
| 4/29/63 | **Ralph DUPAS** | 151 | **Dennis MOYER** | 154 | split 15 | | Municipal Auditorium, New Orleans | Peter Giarusso |
| 6/17/63 | **Ralph DUPAS** | 150 | **Dennis MOYER** | 154 | unan 15 | | Civic Center, Baltimore, Md. | Benny Goldstein |
| 9/7/63 | **Sandro MAZZINGHI** | 153¼ | **Ralph DUPAS** | 152¼ | KO 9 | 1:45 | Vigorelli Velodrome, Milan, Italy | Rolf Neuhold |
| 12/2/63 | **Sandro MAZZINGHI** | 153 | **Ralph DUPAS** | 150¼ | KO 13 | 1:20 | Sydney Stadium, Australia | Vic Patrick |
| 10/3/64 | **Sandro MAZZINGHI** | 153¾ | **Tony MONTANO** | 156 | KO 12 | 2:45 | Sports Palace, Genoa, Italy | Rolf Neuhold |
| 12/11/64 | **Sandro MAZZINGHI** | 154 | **Fortunato MANCA** | 153 | ref 15 | | Sports Palace, Rome, Italy | Georgio Tinelli |
| 6/18/65 | **Nino BENVENUTI** | 153 | **Sandro MAZZINGHI** | 153½ | KO 6 | 2:40 | San Siro Stadium, Milan, Italy | S. Brambilla |
| 12/17/65 | **Nino BENVENUTI** | 153¾ | **Sandro MAZZINGHI** | 153¾ | unan 15 | | Sports Palace, Rome, Italy | Giacinto Aniello |
| 6/25/66 | **Ki-Soo KIM** | 152¼ | **Nino BENVENUTI** | 153 | split 15 | | Changchung Gym., Seoul, Korea | Nick Pope |
| 12/17/66 | **Ki-Soo KIM** | 153½ | **Stan HARRINGTON** | 154 | unan 15 | | Changchung Gym., Seoul, Korea | Yung-Soo Chung |
| 10/3/67 | **Ki-Soo KIM** | 154 | **Freddie LITTLE** | 152½ | split 15 | | Baseball Stadium, Seoul, Korea | Yung-Soo Chung |
| 5/25/68 | **Sandro MAZZINGHI** | 151½ | **Ki-Soo KIM** | 151¾ | split 15 | | San Siro Stadium, Milan, Italy | Harold Valan |
| 10/25/68 | **Freddie LITTLE** | 151¼ | **Sandro MAZZINGHI** | 151¼ | TKO 9 | * | Sports Palace, Rome, Italy | Herbert Tomser |
| 3/17/69 | **Freddie LITTLE** | 153½ | **Stan HAYWARD** | 154 | unan 15 | | Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev. | Harry Krause |
| 9/9/69 | **Freddie LITTLE** | 152¼ | **Hisao MINAMI** | 149⅞ | KO 2 | 1:26 | Prefectural Gymnasium, Osaka, Japan | Nick Pope |
| 3/20/70 | **Freddie LITTLE** | 152¾ | **Gerhard PIASKOWY** | 153¼ | ref 15 | | Sports Palace, Berlin, Germany | L. Sanchez Villard |
| 7/9/70 | **Carmelo BOSSI** | 153 | **Freddie LITTLE** | 152 | ref 15 | | Monza Stadium, Italy | Roland Dakin |
| 4/29/71 | **Carmelo BOSSI** | 154 | **Jose HERNANDEZ** | 154 | draw 15 | | Sports Palace, Madrid, Spain | Bernard Mascot |
| 10/31/71 | **Koichi WAJIMA** | 152¾ | **Carmelo BOSSI** | 153¼ | split 15 | | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Harold Valan |
| 5/7/72 | **Koichi WAJIMA** | 153 | **Domenico TIBERIA** | 154 | KO 1 | 1:49 | Fukuoka Sports Centre, Tokyo | Yusaku Yoshida |
| 10/21/72 | **Koichi WAJIMA** | 150½ | **Mat DONOVAN** | 151¾ | KO 3 | 0:53 | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Takeo Ugo |
| 1/9/73 | **Koichi WAJIMA** | 152 | **Miguel de OLIVIERA** | 153½ | draw 15 | | Municipal Gymnasium, Tokyo, Japan | Hiroyuki Tezaki |
| 4/19/73 | **Koichi WAJIMA** | 154 | **Ryu SORIMACHI** | 151¼ | maj 15 | | Prefectural Gymnasium, Osaka, Japan | Nobumitsu Inukai |
| 8/14/73 | **Koichi WAJIMA** | 153¾ | **Silvani BERTINI** | 153 | TKO 13 | * | Makomanai Ice Arena, Sapporo | Takeo Ugo |
| $/5/74 | **Koichi WAJIMA** | 153 | **Miguel de OLIVIERA** | 153¾ | maj 15 | | Metropolitan Gymnasium, Tokyo | Seiji Ebine |
| 6/3/74 | **Oscar ALVARADO** | 151¾ | **Koichi WAJIMA** | 153¾ | KO 15 | | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Yusaku Yoshida |
| 10/8/74 | **Oscar ALVARADO** | 154 | **Ryu SORIMACHI** | 152¾ | TKO 7 | 2:17 | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Dick Young |
| 1/21/75 | **Koichi WAJIMA** | 153 | **Oscar ALVARADO** | 154 | unan 15 | | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Dick Young |
| ‡ 5/7/75 | **Miguel de OLIVIERA** | 154 | **Jose DURAN** | 154 | unan 15 | | Louis II Stadium, Monte Carlo | Herbert Tomser |
| 6/7/75 | **Jae-Do YUH** | 154 | **Koichi WAJIMA** | 154 | TKO 7 | 2:00 | Kitakyushu Municipal Gymnasium | Yusaku Yoshida |
| 11/11/75 | **Jae-Do YUH** | 154 | **Masahiro MISAKO** | 153½ | TKO 6 | 2:16 | Sumpu Arena, Shizuoka, Japan | Takeo Ugo |
| ‡11/13/75 | **Elisha OBED** | 154 | **Miguel de OLIVIERA** | 154 | TKO 11 | * | Nouveau Hippodrome, Paris, France | Kurt Halbach |
| 2/17/76 | **Koichi WAJIMA** | 153 | **Jae-Do YUH** | 153 | KO 15 | 1:47 | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Jae-Duk Kim |
| ‡ 2/28/76 | **Elisha OBED** | 154 | **Tony GARDNER** | 154 | KO 2 | 2:55 | Queen Elizabeth Centre, Nassau | Jay Edson |
| 4/25/76 | **Elisha OBED** | 150 | **Sea ROBINSON** | 149½ | split 15 | | Abidjan, Ivory Coast | Jay Edson |
| 5/18/76 | **Jose DURAN** | 154 | **Koichi WAJIMA** | 154 | KO 14 | 0:50 | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Yusaku Yoshida |
| 6/18/76 | **Eckhard DAGGE** | 154 | **Elisha OBED** | 154 | TKO 10 | 1:47 | Deutschlandhalle, Berlin, Germany | Jay Edson |
| ‡ 9/18/76 | **Eckhard DAGGE** | 154 | **Emile GRIFFITH** | 151½ | maj 15 | | Deutschlandhalle, Berlin, Germany | Angelo Poletti |
| 10/8/76 | **Miguel CASTELLINI** | 153¼ | **Jose DURAN** | 153 | split 15 | | Sports Palace, Madrid, Spain | Stan Christodoulou |
| 3/6/77 | **Eddie GAZO** | 153 | **Miguel CASTELLINI** | 151 | unan 15 | | National Baseball Stadium, Managua | Jay Edson |
| ‡ 3/15/77 | **Eckhard DAGGE** | 153 | **Maurice HOPE** | 152 | draw 15 | | Deutschlandhalle, Berlin, Germany | Dino Ambrosini |
| 6/7/77 | **Eddie GAZO** | 152½ | **Koichi WAJIMA** | 154 | TKO 11 | 0:45 | Martial Arts Hall, Tokyo, Japan | Jay Edson |
| ‡ 8/6/77 | **Rocky MATTIOLI** | 153⅞ | **Eckhard DAGGE** | 152 | KO 5 | 2:20 | Deutschlandhalle, Berlin, Germany | Richard Steele |
| 9/13/77 | **Eddie GAZO** | 153¾ | **Kenji SHIBATA** | 153½ | unan 15 | | Martial Arts Hall, Tokyo, Japan | Carlos Berrocal |
| 12/18/77 | **Eddie GAZO** | 152½ | **Chae-Keun LIM** | 152½ | split 15 | | Sunin Gymnasium, Inchon, Korea | Martin Denkin |
| ‡ 3/11/78 | **Rocky MATTIOLI** | 151½ | **Elisha OBED** | 153 | KO 7 | 1:07 | Kooyong Tennis Stadium, Melbourne | Dick Young |
| ‡ 5/14/78 | **Rocky MATTIOLI** | 152¾ | **Jose DURAN** | 153 | KO 5 | 2:24 | Adriatico Stadium, Pescara, Italy | Jean Deswert |
| 8/9/78 | **Masashi KUDO** | 153¼ | **Eddie GAZO** | 152¼ | split 15 | | City Gymnasium, Akita, Japan | Martin Denkin |
| 12/13/78 | **Masashi KUDO** | 153½ | **Ho-In JOO** | 154 | split 15 | | Prefectural Gymnasium, Osaka, Japan | Paul Field |
| ‡ 3/4/79 | **Maurice HOPE** | 154 | **Rocky MATTIOLI** | 152 | TKO 9 | * | Sam Remo, Italy | Ray Solis |
| 3/13/79 | **Masashi KUDO** | 154 | **Manuel R. GONZALEZ** | 153 | maj 15 | | Korakuen Hall, Tokyo, Japan | Luis Sulbaran |
| 6/20/79 | **Masashi KUDO** | 153¾ | **Manuel R. GONZALEZ** | 152 | TKO 12 | 2:51 | Yokkaichi City Gymnasium, Japan | Stan Christodoulou |
| ‡ 9/25/79 | **Maurice HOPE** | 153½ | **Mike BAKER** | 152½ | TKO 7 | 2:30 | Wembley Pool, London, England | Ray Baldeyrou |
| 10/24/79 | **Ayub KALULE** | 153¾ | **Masashi KUDO** | 154 | unan 15 | | Prefectural Gymnasium, Akita, Japan | Robert Ferrara |
| 12/6/79 | **Ayub KALULE** | 153 | **Steve GREGORY** | 152 | unan 15 | | Brondbyhallen, Copenhagen, Denmark | Tony Perez |

*Tony Montano was two pounds over the weight limit on October 3, 1964. *Loser failed to answer bell for round indicated. ref = referee's decision (sole arbiter)* ‡WBC world super welterweight title

# WORLD JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS

Compiled by Herbert G. Goldman

| Date | Winner | Weight | Loser | Weight | Result | Time KO | Site | Referee |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7/9/23 | **Pinkey MITCHELL** | 139 | **Nate GOLDMAN** | 140 | ND 10 | | Baker Bowl, Philadelphia, Pa. | |
| 9/21/26 | **Mushy CALLAHAN** | | **Pinkey MITCHELL** | | 10 | | Arena, Vernon, California | |
| 3/14/27 | **Mushy CALLAHAN** | 138½ | **Andy DiVODI** | 139½ | KO 2 | 2:13 | Madison Square Garden, New York | Jim Crowley |
| 5/31/27 | **Mushy CALLAHAN** | 139½ | **Spug MYERS** | 137½ | 10 | | Wrigley Field, Chicago, Ill. | Jim Gardner |
| 5/28/29 | **Mushy CALLAHAN** | 139¼ | **Fred MAHAN** | 140 | KO 3 | | Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles | |
| 2/18/30 | **Jack (Kid) BERG** | 137¼ | **Mushy CALLAHAN** | 137¾ | TKO 11 | * | Royal Albert Hall, London | Ted Broadribb |
| 4/4/30 | **Jack (Kid) BERG** | 139¼ | **Joe GLICK** | 137¼ | unan 10 | | Madison Square Garden, New York | Jack Dorman |
| 5/29/30 | **Jack (Kid) BERG** | 139 | **Al DELMONT** | 136 | TKO 4 | | Dreamland Park, Newark, N.J | |
| 6/11/30 | **Jack (Kid) BERG** | 138¼ | **Herman PERLICK** | 138½ | 10 | | Queensboro Stadium, New York | Johnny McAvoy |
| 9/3/30 | **Jack (Kid) BERG** | 136 | **Buster BROWN** | 134 | 10 | | Dreamland Park, Newark, N.J. | John Healy |
| 9/18/30 | **Jack (Kid) BERG** | 136 | **Joe GLICK** | 139 | 10 | | Queensboro Stadium, New York | Arthur Donovan |
| 10/10/30 | **Jack (Kid) BERG** | 135¾ | **Billy PETROLLE** | 137 | 10 | | Madison Square Garden, New York | Arthur Donovan |
| 1/23/31 | **Jack (Kid) BERG** | 138¼ | **Goldie HESS** | 137¾ | unan 10 | | Chicago Stadium, Illinois | |
| 1/30/31 | **Jack (Kid) BERG** | 138½ | **Herman PERLICK** | 139 | unan 10 | | Madison Square Garden, New York | Johnny McAvoy |
| 4/10/31 | **Jack (Kid) BERG** | 138 | **Billy WALLACE** | 137 | unan 10 | | Olympia, Detroit, Michigan | Elmer McClelland |
| 4/24/31 | **Tony CANZONERI** | 132 | **Jack (Kid) BERG** | 134¼ | KO 3 | 2:23 | Chicago Stadium, Illinois | Phil Collins |
| 7/13/31 | **Tony CANZONERI** | | **Cecil PAYNE** | | 10 | | Wrigley Field, Los Angeles | Abe Roth |
| 9/10/31 | **Tony CANZONERI** | 131¾ | **Jack (Kid) BERG** | 134½ | unan 15 | | Polo Grounds, New York, N.Y. | Patsy Haley |
| 10/29/31 | **Tony CANZONERI** | 132 | **Phillie GRIFFIN** | 138¾ | unan 10 | | Armory, Newark, New Jersey | John Healy |
| 11/20/31 | **Tony CANZONERI** | 132 | **Kid CHOCOLATE** | 127½ | split 15 | | Madison Square Garden, New York | Willie Lewis |
| 1/18/32 | **Johnny JADICK** | 136½ | **Tony CANZONERI** | 132½ | 10 | | Arena, Philadelphia, Pa. | Leo Houck |
| 7/18/32 | **Johnny JADICK** | 135¼ | **Tony CANZONERI** | 133 | 10 | | Baker Bowl, Philadelphia, Pa. | Joe McGuigan |
| 2/20/33 | **Battling SHAW** | 136 | **Johnny JADICK** | 135 | maj 10 | | Coliseum Arena, New Orleans, La. | Jimmy Moran |
| 5/21/33 | **Tony CANZONERI** | 133 | **Battling SHAW** | 136½ | unan 10 | | Heinemann Park, New Orleans, La. | Jimmy Moran |
| 6/23/33 | **Barney ROSS** | 134¾ | **Tony CANZONERI** | 133½ | maj 10 | | Chicago Stadium, Ilinois | Tommy Gilmore |
| 7/26/33 | **Barney ROSS** | | **Johnny FARR** | | TKO 6 | | Convention Hall, Kansas City | |
| 9/12/33 | **Barney ROSS** | 135 | **Tony CANZONERI** | 133¼ | split 15 | | Polo Grounds, New York, N.Y. | Arthur Donovan |
| 11/17/33 | **Barney ROSS** | 135½ | **Sammy FULLER** | 139 | maj 10 | | Chicago Stadium, Illinois | Joe McNamara |
| 2/7/34 | **Barney ROSS** | 135½ | **Pete NEBO** | 139 | unan 12 | | Convention Hall, New Orleans | |
| 3/5/34 | **Barney ROSS** | 137½ | **Frankie KLICK** | 138 | draw 10 | | Civic Auditorium, San Francisco | Toby Irwin |
| 3/27/34 | **Barney ROSS** | 138½ | **Bobby PACHO** | 139½ | 10 | | Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles | George Blake |
| 12/10/34 | **Barney ROSS** | 138 | **Bobby PACHO** | 138¾ | unan 12 | | Public Hall, Cleveland, Ohio | |
| 1/28/35 | **Barney ROSS** | 136 | **Frankie KLICK** | 137 | unan 10 | | Municipal Stadium, Miami, Fla. | Leo Shea |
| 4/9/35 | **Barney ROSS** | 136½ | **Harry WOODS** | 137¼ | 12 | | Civic Auditorium, Seattle, Wash. | Tommy McCarthy |
| 4/29/46 | **Tippy LARKIN** | 139½ | **Willie JOYCE** | 138¼ | unan 12 | | Boston Garden, Massachusetts | Johnny Martin |
| 9/13/46 | **Tippy LARKIN** | 139¼ | **Willie JOYCE** | 139 | unan 12 | | Madison Square Garden, New York | Frank Fullam |
| 6/12/59 | **Carlos ORTIZ** | 139¼ | **Kenny LANE** | 140 | TKO 3 | * | Madison Square Garden | Harry Kessler |
| 2/4/60 | **Carlos ORTIZ** | 137 | **Battling TORRES** | 138 | KO 10 | 2:56 | Los Angeles Coliseum | Mushy Callahan |
| 6/15/60 | **Carlos ORTIZ** | 137½ | **Duilio LOI** | 140 | split 15 | | Cow Palace, San Francisco | Vern Bybee |
| 9/1/60 | **Duilio LOI** | 139½ | **Carlos ORTIZ** | 138½ | maj 15 | | San Siro Stadium, Milan | Andre Esparraguera |
| 5/10/61 | **Duilio LOI** | 138 | **Carlos ORTIZ** | 136¾ | unan 15 | | San Siro Stadium, Milan | Frank Carter |
| 10/21/61 | **Duilio LOI** | 138 | **Eddie PERKINS** | 139 | draw 15 | | Sports Palace, Milan, Italy | Nello Barrovecchio |
| 9/14/62 | **Eddie PERKINS** | 140 | **Duilio LOI** | 140 | unan 15 | | Vigorelli Stadium, Milan | Pierre Verriers |
| 12/15/62 | **Duilio LOI** | 137¾ | **Eddie PERKINS** | 138¾ | ref 15 | | Sports Palace, Milan, Italy | Georges Gondre |
| † 3/21/63 | **Roberto CRUZ** | 138¼ | **Battling TORRES** | 140 | KO 1 | 2:07 | Chavez Ravine, Los Angeles | Lee Grossman |
| 6/15/63 | **Eddie PERKINS** | 138¼ | **Roberto CRUZ** | 140 | unan 15 | | Rizal Coliseum, Manila | Teodorico Reyes |
| 1/4/64 | **Eddie PERKINS** | 138¾ | **Yoshinori TAKAHASHI** | 139¼ | KO 13 | 1:35 | Kuramae Arena, Tokyo | Nick Pope |
| 4/18/64 | **Eddie PERKINS** | 139 | **Bunny GRANT** | 137½ | unan 15 | | National Stadium, Kingston | Willie Pep |
| 1/18/65 | **Carlos HERNANDEZ** | 139¼ | **Eddie PERKINS** | 140 | split 15 | | Caracas, Venezuela | Henry Armstrong |
| 5/15/65 | **Carlos HERNANDEZ** | 134½ | **Mario ROSSITO** | 137½ | TKO 5 | * | Maracaibo, Venezuela | |
| 7/10/65 | **Carlos HERNANDEZ** | 137½ | **Percy HAYLES** | 136½ | KO 3 | 2:53 | National Stadium, Kingston | Willie Pep |
| 4/30/66 | **Sandro LOPOPOLO** | 139½ | **Carlos HERNANDEZ** | 139½ | maj 15 | | Sports Palace, Rome, Italy | Manuel Risoto |
| 10/21/66 | **Sandro LOPOPOLO** | 139¾ | **Vicente RIVAS** | 140 | TKO 8 | * | Sports Palace, Rome, Italy | |
| 4/30/67 | **Paul FUJII** | 140 | **Sandro LOPOPOLO** | 139 | TKO 2 | 2:33 | Kuramae Arena, Tokyo | Jay Edson |
| 11/16/67 | **Paul FUJII** | 140 | **Willie QUATOUR** | 139¼ | KO 4 | 2:30 | Kuramae Arena, Tokyo | Jay Edson |
| 12/12/68 | **Nicolino LOCHE** | 138½ | **Paul FUJII** | 139¾ | TKO 10 | * | Kuramae Arena, Tokyo | Nick Pope |
| ‡12/14/68 | **Pedro ADIQUE** | 140 | **Adolph PRUITT** | 140 | unan 15 | | Araneta Coliseum, Quezon | Pempe Padilla |
| 5/4/69 | **Nicolino LOCHE** | 139 | **Carlos HERNANDEZ** | 137 | unan 15 | | Luna Park, Buenos Aires | |
| 10/12/69 | **Nicolino LOCHE** | 139¾ | **Joao HENRIQUE** | 138¼ | unan 15 | | Luna Park, Buenos Aires | |
| ‡ 2/1/70 | **Bruno ARCARI** | 138½ | **Pedro ADIGUE** | 139½ | ref 15 | | Sports Palace, Rome Italy | Teddy Waltham |
| 5/16/70 | **Nicolino LOCHE** | 139¼ | **Adolph PRUITT** | 138 | unan 15 | | Luna Park, Buenos Aires | |
| ‡ 7/10/70 | **Bruno ARCARI** | 138¾ | **Rene ROQUE** | 139 | W dis 6 | 1:29 | Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy | G. Martinelli |
| ‡10/30/70 | **Bruno ARCARI** | 139 | **Raymundo DIAS** | 137½ | KO 3 | 1:45 | Sports Palace, Genoa, Italy | Domenico Carabellese |
| ‡ 3/6/71 | **Bruno ARCARI** | 139¼ | **Joao HENRIQUE** | 138⅜ | ref 15 | | Sports Palace, Rome, Italy | Tedddy Waltham |
| 4/3/71 | **Nicolino LOCHE** | | **Domingo BARRERA** | 138 | split 15 | | Luna Park, Buenos Aires | |
| ‡ 6/26/71 | **Bruno ARCARI** | 139½ | **Enrique JANA** | 137¾ | TKO 9 | 0:45 | Palermo, Sicily, Italy | Georges Gondre |

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| ‡10/10/71 | **Bruno ARCARI** | | **Domingo CORPAS** | | KO | 10 | | Sports Palace, Genoa, Italy | Teddy Waltham |
| 12/12/71 | **Nicolino LOCHE** | 139 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 138 | unan | 15 | | Luna Park, Buenos Aires | |
| 3/10/72 | **Alfonso FRAZER** | 137 | **Nicolino LOCHE** | 139 | unan | 15 | | Panama City, Panama | Jesus Celis |
| ‡ 6/10/72 | **Bruno ARCARI** | 139½ | **Joao HENRIQUE** | 139½ | KO | 12 | 2:15 | Sports Palace, Genoa, Italy | Harry Gibbs |
| 6/17/72 | **Alfonso FRAZER** | | **Al FORD** | | KO | 5 | | Panama City, Panama | |
| 10/28/72 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 138½ | **Alfonso FRAZER** | 138 | KO | 10 | | Panama City, Panama | Waldemar Schmidt |
| ‡12/02/72 | **Bruno ARCARI** | 140 | **E. Costa AZEVEDO** | 139 | | 15 | | Palasport di Barcoruffini, Turin | Jean Deswert |
| 2/16/73 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | | **Josua MARQUEZ** | | split | 15 | | Roberto Clemente Stad., San Juan | |
| 3/17/73 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 139 | **Nicolino LOCHE** | 140 | TKO | 10 | * | Maracaibo, Venezuela | |
| 5/19/73 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 140 | **Alfonso FRAZER** | 140 | TKO | 5 | | Panama City, Panama | Luis Sulbaran |
| 9/08/73 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 139 | **Carlos GIMINEZ** | 140 | TKO | 5 | 1:45 | El Campin Stadium, Bogota, Col. | Isaac Herrera |
| ‡11/01/73 | **Bruno ARCARI** | 139 | **Jorgen HANSEN** | 141 | KO | 5 | | K.B. Hall, Copenhagen, Denmark | Raymond Baldeyrou |
| 12/4/73 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 139 | **Lion FURUYAMA** | 139 | unan | 15 | | Panama City, Panama | |
| ‡ 2/16/74 | **Bruno ARCARI** | 138¾ | **Tony ORTIZ** | 136½ | W dis | 8 | | Palasport di Barcoruffini, Turin | Rudolf Drust |
| 3/02/74 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 140 | **Chang-Kil LEE** | 139 | KO | 6 | | Cartagena, Colombia | |
| 7/28/74 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 139 | **Victor ORTIZ** | 140 | KO | 2 | 1:35 | Cartagena, Colombia | Ray Solis |
| ‡ 9/21/74 | **Perico FERNANDEZ** | | **Lion FURUYAMA** | | split | 15 | | Sports Stadium, Rome, Italy | |
| 10/26/74 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 140 | **Shinchi KADOTO** | 138½ | KO | 8 | 1:42 | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Luis Sulbaran |
| ‡ 4/19/75 | **Perico FERNANDEZ** | 139 | **Joao HENRIQUE** | 140 | KO | 9 | 1:00 | Sports Stadium, Barcelona | |
| 5/17/75 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 139 | **Esteban DeJESUS** | 139 | unan | 15 | | Panama City, Panama | |
| 7/15/75 | **Saensak MUANGSURIN** | 140 | **Perico FERNANDEZ** | 140 | TKO | 8 | * | Huan Mark Stadium, Bangkok | Ernesto Magana |
| 11/15/75 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | | **Hector THOMPSON** | | TKO | 7 | | Panama City, Panama | |
| ‡ 1/25/76 | **Saensak MUANGSURIN** | 139½ | **Lion FURUYAMA** | 140 | unan | 15 | | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Enrique Jimenez |
| 3/6/76 | **Wilfred BENITEZ** | | **Antonio CERVANTES** | | split | 15 | | Hiram Bithorn Stadium, San Juan | Isaac Herrera |
| 5/31/76 | **Wilfred BENITEZ** | | **Emiliano VILLA** | | unan | 15 | | Roberto Clemente Coliseum | Ismael Quinones Falu |
| ‡ 6/30/76 | **Miguel VELASQUEZ** | 140 | **Saensak MUANGSURIN** | 140 | W dis | 5 | ** | Sports Palace, Madrid, Spain | Abraham Echavarria |
| 10/16/76 | **Wilfred BENITEZ** | | **Tony PETRONELLI** | | TKO | 3 | 0:53 | Hiram Bithorn Stadium, San Juan | Ismael Quinones Falu |
| ‡10/29/76 | **Saensak MUANGSURIN** | 139 | **Miguel VELASQUEZ** | 139 | TKO | 2 | | Segovia, Spain | Dick Young |
| ‡ 1/15/77 | **Saensak MUANGSURIN** | 139½ | **Monroe BROOKS** | 139½ | TKO | 15 | 1:55 | Chiang Mai, Thailand | Marcello Bertini |
| ‡ 4/2/77 | **Saensak MUANGSURIN** | 139 | **Ishimatsu SUZUKI** | 140 | KO | 6 | 1:56 | Kuramae Arena, Tokyo, Japan | Larry Nadayai |
| ‡ 6/17/77 | **Saensak MUANGSURIN** | 140 | **Perico FERNANDEZ** | 135 | unan | 15 | | Sports Palace, Madrid, Spain | Jay Edson |
| ‡ 6/25/77 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 139¼ | **Carlos M. GIMINEZ** | 139¼ | TKO | 6 | * | Maracaibo, Venezuela | Martin Denkin |
| 8/3/77 | **Wilfred BENITEZ** | 139½ | **Guerrero CHAVEZ** | 139½ | TKO | 15 | 1:41 | Madison Square Garden, New York | Arthur Mercante |
| ‡ 8/20/77 | **Saensak MUANGSURIN** | 140 | **Mike EVERETT** | 136 | TKO | 6 | 2:50 | Roi-et, Thailand | Larry Nadayai |
| ‡10/22/77 | **Saensak MUANGSURIN** | 139½ | **Saoul MAMBY** | 138 | split | 15 | | Korat, Thailand | Abraham Echavarria |
| †11/5/77 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 139 | **Adriano MARRERO** | 139½ | unan | 15 | | Maracay, Venezuela | Luis Sulbaran |
| ‡12/29/77 | **Saensak MUANGSURIN** | 138 | **Jo KUMPUANI** | 136½ | TKO | 14 | * | Chanthaburi, Thailand | Marcelo Bertini |
| ‡ 4/8/78 | **Saensak MUANGSURIN** | 140 | **Francisco MORENO** | 139 | KO | 13 | 2:40 | Hat Yai, Thailand | Jay Edson |
| † 4/28/78 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 140 | **Tonga KIATVAYUPAKDI** | 140 | KO | 6 | 2:40 | Udon Thani, Thailand | Jesus Celis |
| † 8/26/78 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 139 | **Norman SEKGAPANE** | 139¼ | TKO | 9 | 1:52 | Independence Stadium, Mmabatho | Luis Sulbaran |
| ‡12/30/78 | **Sang-Hyun KIM** | 140 | **Saensak MUANGSURIN** | 139½ | KO | 13 | 2:05 | Munhwa Stadium, Seoul, Korea | Carlos Padilla |
| 1/18/79 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 140 | **Miguel MONTILLA** | 138 | unan | 15 | | Madison Square Garden, New York | Stan Christodoulou |
| ‡ 6/3/79 | **Sang-Hyun KIM** | 139½ | **Fitzroy GUISSEPPI** | 139½ | unan | 15 | | Changchung Gymnasium, Seoul | Abraham Echavarria |
| 8/25/79 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 139¼ | **Kwang-Min KIM** | 139½ | split | 15 | | Changchung Gymnasium, Seoul | Stan Christodoulou |
| ‡12/31/79 | **Sang-Hyun KIM** | 139½ | **Masahiro YOKAI** | 140 | KO | 11 | 2:01 | Korakuen Hall, Tokyo, Japan | Ray Solis |
| ‡ 2/23/80 | **Saoul MAMBY** | 139 | **Sang-Hyun KIM** | 140 | KO | 14 | 1:44 | Changchung Gymnasium, Seoul | Harry Gibbs |
| 3/29/80 | **Antonio CERVANTES** | 140 | **Miguel MONTILLA** | 139½ | TKO | 7 | 1:28 | Cartagena, Colombia | Waldemar Schmidt |

Jorgen Hansen was one pound over the weight limit on November 1, 1973.
*Loser failed to answer bell for round indicated.
** Loser was disqualified at end of round

†WBA world junior welterweight title
‡WBC world super lightweight title bout
ref = referee's decision (sole arbiter)

## WORLD JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS

Compiled by Herbert G. Goldman

| Date | Winner | Weight | Loser | Weight | Result | Time KO | Site | Referee |
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| 11/18/21 | **Johnny DUNDEE** | 128¼ | **George K.O. CHANEY** | 130 | WF 5 | 1:07 | Madison Square Garden, New York | Kid McPartland |
| 7/6/22 | **Johnny DUNDEE** | 129 | **Jack SHARKEY** | 127 | unan 15 | | Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, N.Y. | Kid McPartland |
| 8/28/22 | **Johnny DUNDEE** | 124¾ | **Pepper MARTIN** | 130 | unan 15 | | Velodrome, New York City, N.Y. | Patsy Haley |
| 2/2/23 | **Johnny DUNDEE** | 129¾ | **Elino FLORES** | 129½ | unan 15 | | Madison Square Garden, New York | Patsy Haley |
| 5/30/23 | **Jack BERNSTEIN** | 128 | **Johnny DUNDEE** | 128½ | unan 15 | | Velodrome, New York City, N.Y. | Patsy Haley |
| 6/25/23 | **Jack BERNSTEIN** | 129 | **Freddy JACKS** | 130 | KO 5 | | Shetzline Park, Philadelphia, Pa. | Pop O'Brien |
| 12/17/23 | **Johnny DUNDEE** | 127½ | **Jack BERNSTEIN** | 129 | 15 | | Madison Square Garden, New York | Jock O'Sullivan |
| 6/20/24 | **Kid SULLIVAN** | 129½ | **Johnny DUNDEE** | 129 | 10 | | Henderson's Bowl, Brooklyn, N.Y. | Jock O'Sullivan |
| 8/18/24 | **Kid SULLIVAN** | 129 | **Pepper MARTIN** | 130 | unan 15 | | Queensboro Stadium, New York | Tommy Sheridan |
| 10/15/24 | **Kid SULLIVAN** | 129½ | **Mike BALLERINO** | 129 | KO 5 | 0:38 | Madison Square Garden, New York | Tommy Sheridan |
| 4/1/25 | **Mike BALLERINO** | 129½ | **Kid SULLIVAN** | 129½ | unan 10 | | Armory A.A., Philadelphia, Pa. | Pop O'Brien |
| 7/6/25 | **Mike BALLERINO** | 129¾ | **Pepper MARTIN** | 239¾ | unan 15 | | Queensboro Stadium, New York | Johnny McAvoy |
| 12/2/25 | **Tod MORGAN** | 128 | **Mike BALLERINO** | 129¾ | TKO 10 | | Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles | |
| 6/3/26 | **Tod MORGAN** | 127½ | **Kid SULLIVAN** | 128½ | TKO 6 | 2:05 | Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, New York | Jim Crowley |

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| 9/30/26 | **Tod MORGAN** | 128½ | **Joe GLICK** | 129½ | unan | 15 | | Madison Square Garden, New York | Patsy Haley |
| 10/19/26 | **Tod MORGAN** | 128½ | **Johnny DUNDEE** | 126¼ | unan | 10 | | Recreation Park, San Francisco | Harry Ertle |
| 11/19/26 | **Tod MORGAN** | 127½ | **Carl DUANE** | 129 | unan | 15 | | Madison Square Garden, New York | Lou Magnolia |
| 5/28/27 | **Tod MORGAN** | 129¾ | **Vic FOLEY** | 125½ | ref | 12 | | Arena, Vancouver, B.C. | Joe Waterman |
| 12/16/27 | **Tod MORGAN** | 128¾ | **Joe GLICK** | 129½ | WF | 4 | 2:09 | Madison Square Garden, New York | Eddie Forbes |
| 5/24/28 | **Tod MORGAN** | 129¾ | **Eddie MARTIN** | 130 | | 15 | | Madison Square Garden, New York | Lou Magnolia |
| 7/18/28 | **Tod MORGAN** | 128 | **Eddie MARTIN** | 128 | unan | 15 | | Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, New York | Eddie Forbes |
| 12/3/28 | **Tod MORGAN** | 130 | **Santiago ZORILLA** | 127¼ | draw | 10 | | State Armory, San Francisco | Toby Irwin |
| 1/1/29 | **Tod MORGAN** | 128½ | **Joey SANGOR** | 128 | ND | 10 | | Milwaukee Auditorium, Wisconsin | Walter Houlehen |
| 4/5/29 | **Tod MORGAN** | 128 | **Santiago ZORILLA** | 129 | | 10 | | Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles | Lt. Jack Kennedy |
| 5/20/29 | **Tod MORGAN** | 129 | **Baby Sal SORIO** | 128¾ | | 10 | | Wrigley Field, Los Angeles | Benny Whitman |
| 12/20/29 | **Benny BASS** | 127 | **Tod MORGAN** | 128 | KO | 2 | 0:51 | Madison Square Garden, New York | Jim Crowley |
| 3/28/30 | **Benny BASS** | 128 | **Eddie SHEA** | 126½ | ND | 10 | | Arena, St. Louis, Missouri | Harry Ertle |
| 1/5/31 | **Benny BASS** | 127½ | **Lew MASSEY** | 128 | unan | 10 | | Philadelphia Arena, Pa. | Leo Houck |
| 7/15/31 | **Kid CHOCOLATE** | 125½ | **Benny BASS** | 128½ | TKO | 7 | 2:58 | Baker Bowl, Philadelphia, Pa. | Leo Houck |
| 4/10/32 | **Kid CHOCOLATE** | 128½ | **Davey ABAD** | 129¾ | | 15 | | Havana, Cuba | |
| 8/4/32 | **Kid CHOCOLATE** | 127½ | **Eddie SHEA** | 128 | unan | 10 | | Chicago Stadium, Illinois | Phil Collins |
| 10/13/32 | **Kid CHOCOLATE** | 125¾ | **Lew FELDMAN** | 125½ | TKO | 12 | 2:45 | Madison Square Garden, New York | Patsy Haley |
| 12/9/32 | **Kid CHOCOLATE** | 125½ | **Fidel LA BARBA** | 124 | maj | 15 | | Madison Square Garden, New York | Willie Lewis |
| 5/1/33 | **Kid CHOCOLATE** | 124 | **Johnny FARR** | 130 | unan | 10 | | Arena, Philadelphia, Pa. | Joe McGuigan |
| 5/19/33 | **Kid CHOCOLATE** | 123½ | **Seaman Tom WATSON** | 125½ | unan | 15 | | Madison Square Garden, New York | Pete Hartley |
| 12/4/33 | **Kid CHOCOLATE** | 130 | **Frankie WALLACE** | 130 | unan | 10 | | Public Hall, Cleveland, Ohio | Tommy Mulgrew |
| 12/25/33 | **Frankie KLICK** | 127¾ | **Kid CHOCOLATE** | 130 | TKO | 7 | 2:58 | Arena, Philadelphia, Pa. | Spud Murphy |
| 12/6/49 | **Sandy SADDLER** | 127½ | **Orlando ZULUETA** | 129½ | split | 10 | | Arena, Cleveland Ohio | Vito Mazzeo |
| 4/18/50 | **Sandy SADDLER** | 130 | **Lauro SALAS** | 130 | TKO | 9 | 2:51 | Arena, Cleveland Ohio | Jackie Davis |
| 7/20/59 | **Harold GOMES** | 127½ | **Paul JORGENSEN** | 129½ | unan | 15 | | Pierce Field, Providence | Sharkey Buonanno |
| 3/16/60 | **Flash ELORDE** | 130 | **Harold GOMES** | 128½ | KO | 7 | 1:50 | Araneta Coliseum, Quezon | Barney Ross |
| 8/17/60 | **Flash ELORDE** | 130 | **Harold GOMES** | 130 | KO | 1 | 1:20 | Cow Palace, San Francisco | Matt Zidich |
| 3/19/61 | **Flash ELORDE** | 130 | **Joey LOPES** | 130 | unan | 15 | | Rizal Coliseum, Manila | Felipe Hernandez |
| 12/16/61 | **Flash ELORDE** | 130 | **Sergio CAPRARI** | 129½ | TKO | 1 | 2:22 | Rizal Coliseum, Manila | Felipe Hernandez |
| 6/23/62 | **Flash ELORDE** | 130 | **Auburn COPELAND** | 129½ | maj | 15 | | Rizal Coliseum, Manila | Felipe Hernandez |
| 2/16/63 | **Flash ELORDE** | 130 | **Johnny BIZZARO** | 129½ | unan | 15 | | Rizal Coliseum, Manila | Irineo Gallego |
| 11/16/63 | **Flash ELORDE** | 130 | **Love ALLOTEY** | 128 | W dis | 11 | 0:36 | Areneta Coliseum, Quezon | Jamie Valencia |
| 7/27/64 | **Flash ELORDE** | 130 | **Teruo KOSAKA** | 129½ | TKO | 12 | 1:45 | Kuramae Arena, Tokyo | Carlos Padilla |
| 6/5/65 | **Flash ELORDE** | 130 | **Teruo KOSAKA** | 127½ | KO | 15 | 2:14 | Araneta Coliseum, Quezon | Totoy Reyes |
| 12/4/65 | **Flash ELORDE** | 130 | **Kang-Il SUH** | 129¾ | unan | 15 | | Araneta Coliseum, Quezon | Alex Villacampa |
| 10/22/66 | **Flash ELORDE** | 130 | **Vicente DERADO** | 128 | maj | 15 | | Araneta Coliseum, Quezon | Toti Cayetano |
| 6/15/67 | **Yoshiaki NUMATA** | 129½ | **Flash ELORDE** | 130 | maj | 15 | | Kuramae Arena, Tokyo | Alex Villacampa |
| 12/14/67 | **Hiroshi KOBAYASHI** | 129 | **Yoshiaki NUMATA** | 129½ | KO | 12 | 1:56 | Kuramae Arena, Tokyo | Ko Toyama |
| 3/30/68 | **Hiroshi KOBAYASHI** | 129 | **Rene BARRIENTOS** | 130 | draw | 15 | | Martial Arts Hall, Tokyo | Ko Toyama |
| 10/6/68 | **Hiroshi KOBAYSHI** | 129 | **Jaime VALLADARES** | 129½ | unan | 15 | | Martial Arts Hall, Tokyo | Nick Pope |
| ‡ 2/15/69 | **Rene BARRIENTOS** | 129½ | **Ruben NAVARRO** | 129½ | unan | 15 | | Araneta Coliseum, Quezon | |
| 4/6/69 | **Hiroshi KOBAYASHI** | 128¾ | **Antonio AMAYA** | 127½ | split | 15 | | Kuramae Arena, Tokyo | Ko Toyama |
| 11/9/69 | **Hiroshi KOBAYASHI** | 128¼ | **Carlos CANETE** | 129 | unan | 15 | | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Nick Pope |
| ‡ 4/5/70 | **Yoshiaki NUMATA** | 130 | **Rene BARRIENTOS** | 129 | split | 15 | | Municipal Gymnasium, Tokyo | Dick Young |
| 8/23/70 | **Hiroshi KOBAYASHI** | 128¾ | **Antonio AMAYA** | 129½ | unan | 15 | | Korakuen Hall, Tokyo | Nick Pope |
| ‡ 9/27/70 | **Yoshiaki NUMATA** | 130 | **Raul ROJAS** | 130 | KO | 5 | 2:47 | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Hiroyuki Tezaki |
| ‡ 1/3/71 | **Yoshiaki NUMATA** | 130 | **Rene BARRIENTOS** | 130 | split | 15 | | Sumpu Kaikan, Shizuaka, Japan | John Crowder |
| 3/3/71 | **Hiroshi KOBAYASHI** | 129¼ | **Ricardo ARRENDONDO** | 128½ | unan | 15 | | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Yusaku Yoshida |
| ‡ 5/30/71 | **Yoshiaki NUMATA** | 129¾ | **Lionel ROSE** | 130 | unan | 15 | | Hiroshima Prefectural Gym | Hiroyuki Tezaki |
| 7/29/71 | **Alfredo MARCANO** | 128¾ | **Hiroshi KOBAYASHI** | 129¼ | KO | 10 | 1:25 | Prefectural Gymnasium, Aomori, Japan | Yusaku Yoshida |
| ‡10/10/71 | **Ricardo ARRENDONDO** | 130 | **Yoshiaki NUMATA** | 130 | KO | 10 | 2:17 | Miyagi Center, Sendai | Hiroyuki Tezaki |
| 11/7/71 | **Alfredo MARCANO** | 128¼ | **Kenji IWATA** | 129¾ | TKO | 4 | 1:50 | Nuevo Circo Ring, Caracas | Luis Sulbaran |
| ‡ 1/29/72 | **Ricardo ARRENDONDO** | 129 | **Jose Issac MARIN** | 128½ | unan | 15 | | San Jose, Costa Rica | Jay Edson |
| 4/22/72 | **Ricardo ARRENDONDO** | 129 | **William MARTINEZ** | 129 | KO | 5 | 2:35 | Mexico City, Mexico | |
| 4/25/72 | **Ben VILLAFLOR** | 128¾ | **Alfredo MARCANO** | 128 | unan | 15 | | Blaisdell Cntr, Honolulu | James Scaramozi |
| 9/5/72 | **Ben VILLAFLOR** | 128¾ | **Victor ECHEGARAY** | 130 | draw | 15 | | Blaisdell Cntr, Honolulu | Wilbert Minn |
| ‡ 9/15/72 | **Ricardo ARRENDONDO** | 129¾ | **Susumu OKABE** | 129¾ | KO | 12 | 1:39 | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | John Crowder |
| ‡ 3/6/73 | **Ricardo ARRENDONDO** | 129¼ | **Apollo YOSHIO** | 129¼ | unan | 15 | | Kyuden Gym, Fukuoka City | Jim Rondeau |
| 3/12/73 | **Kuniaki SHIBATA** | 130 | **Ben VILLAFLOR** | 130 | unan | 15 | | Blaisdell Cntr, Honolulu | Walter Cho |
| 6/19/73 | **Kuniaki SHIBATA** | 129½ | **Victor ECHEGARAY** | 128½ | unan | 15 | | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Yusaku Yoshida |
| ‡ 9/1/73 | **Ricardo ARRENDONDO** | 129¼ | **Morito KASHIWABA** | 129¾ | KO | 6 | 1:26 | Martial Arts Hall, Tokyo | Jim Rondeau |
| 10/18/73 | **Ben VILLAFLOR** | 129½ | **Kuniaki SHIBATA** | 130 | KO | 1 | 1:56 | Blaisdell Center, Honolulu | |
| ‡ 2/28/74 | **Kuniaki SHIBATA** | 129½ | **Ricardo ARRENDONDO** | 29½ | unan | 15 | | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Ray Solis |
| 3/14/74 | **Ben VILLAFLOR** | 127¾ | **Apollo YOSHIO** | 130 | draw | 15 | | City Gymnasium, Toyama, Japan | Shoichi Kato |
| ‡ 6/27/74 | **Kuniaki SHIBATA** | 129¾ | **Antonio AMAYA** | 128¾ | maj | 15 | | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Yusaku Yoshida |
| ‡ 8/3/74 | **Kuniaki SHIBATA** | 130 | **Ramiro BOLANOS** | 128½ | TKO | 15 | 2:29 | Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo | Anselmo Perez |
| 8/24/74 | **Ben VILLAFLOR** | 129¾ | **Yasutsune UEHARA** | 129½ | KO | 2 | 1:17 | Blaisdell Center, Honolulu | Walter Cho |
| 3/13/75 | **Ben VILLAFLOR** | 129¾ | **Hyun-Chi KIM** | 128½ | split | 15 | | Araneta Coliseum, Quezon | Herbert Minn |
| ‡ 3/27/75 | **Kuniaki SHIBATA** | 129½ | **Ould MAKLOUFI** | 129 | unan | 15 | | Kyuden Gym, Fukuoka City | Yusaku Yoshida |

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| ‡ 7/5/75 | **Alfredo ESCALERA** | 128¾ | **Kuniaki SHIBATA** | 129¾ | KO | 2 | 2:56 | Kasamatsu Gym, Mito | Ken Morita |
| ‡ 9/20/75 | **Alfredo ESCALERA** | 129 | **Lionel HERNANDEZ** | 130 | draw | 15 | | Nuevo Circo Ring, Caracas | Ray Solis |
| ‡12/12/75 | **Alfredo ESCALERA** | 128 | **Sven-Erik PAULSEN** | 129 | TKO | 9 | | Oslo, Norway | Harry Gibbs |
| 1/12/76 | **Ben VILLAFLOR** | 128 | **Morito KASHIWABA** | 130 | TKO | 13 | 1:29 | Korakuen Hall, Tokyo | Carlos Padilla |
| ‡ 2/20/76 | **Alfredo ESCALERA** | 130 | **Jose FERNANDEZ** | 130 | TKO | 13 | 2:13 | Roberto Clemente Stadium | Waldemar Schmidt |
| ‡ 4/1/76 | **Alfredo ESCALERA** | 128½ | **Buzzsaw YAMABE** | 130 | TKO | 6 | 2:39 | Kashiwara Gym, Nara | Ismael Quinones Falu |
| 4/13/76 | **Ben VILLAFLOR** | 129 | **Samuel SERRANO** | 130 | draw | 15 | | Blaisdell Cntr, Honolulu | Wilbert Minn |
| ‡ 7/1/76 | **Alfredo ESCALERA** | 130 | **Buzzsaw YAMABE** | 130 | unan | 15 | | Kashiwara Gym, Nara | Rudy Ortega |
| ‡ 9/18/76 | **Alfredo ESCALERA** | 130 | **Ray LUNNY III** | 130 | TKO | 13 | * | Roberto Clemente Stadium | Waldemar Schmidt |
| 10/16/76 | **Samuel SERRANO** | 130 | **Ben VILLAFLOR** | 129½ | unan | 15 | | Hiram Bithorn Stadium | Stan Christodoulou |
| ‡11/30/76 | **Alfredo ESCALERA** | 130 | **Tyrone EVERETT** | 130 | split | 15 | | Spectrum, Philadelphia | Ray Solis |
| 1/15/77 | **Samuel SERRANO** | 129½ | **Alberto HERRERA** | 128½ | TKO | 11 | 2:17 | Guayaquil, Ecuador | Martin Denkin |
| ‡ 3/17/77 | **Alfredo ESCALERA** | 130 | **Ronnie McGARVEY** | 127 | TKO | 6 | 2:03 | Roberto Clemente Stadium | Abraham Echavarria |
| ‡ 5/16/77 | **Alfredo ESCALERA** | 128½ | **Carlos BECERRIL** | 127¾ | KO | 8 | 0:38 | Capital Centre, Landover | Larry Barnett |
| 6/26/77 | **Samuel SERRANO** | 129 | **Lionel HERNANDEZ** | 128 | unan | 15 | | Puerto la Cruz, Venezuela | Larry Rozadilla |
| 8/27/77 | **Samuel SERRANO** | 129 | **Apollo YOSHIO** | 129¼ | unan | 15 | | Roberto Clemente Stadium | Waldemar Schmidt |
| ‡ 9/10/77 | **Alfredo ESCALERA** | 127 | **Sigfredo RODRIGUEZ** | 125 | unan | 15 | | Roberto Clemente Stadium | Arthur Mercante |
| 11/19/77 | **Samuel SERRANO** | 130 | **Tae-Ho KIM** | 130 | TKO | 10 | 1:50 | Roberto Clemente Stadium | Larry Rozadilla |
| ‡ 1/28/78 | **Alexis ARGUELLO** | 129½ | **Alfredo ESCALERA** | 130 | TKO | 13 | 2:24 | Loubriel Stadium, Bayamon | Arthur Mercante |
| 2/18/78 | **Samuel SERRANO** | 129½ | **Mario MARTINEZ** | 130 | unan | 15 | | Roberto Clemente Stadium | Roberto Ramirez |
| ‡ 4/29/78 | **Alexis ARGUELLO** | 129½ | **Rey TAM** | 129¾ | TKO | 5 | 1:54 | Forum, Inglewood, Calif. | Rudy Jordan |
| ‡ 6/3/78 | **Alexis ARGUELLO** | 129 | **Diego ALCALA** | 130 | KO | 1 | 1:55 | Roberto Clemente Stadium | Roberto Ramirez |
| 7/8/78 | **Samuel SERRANO** | 130 | **Oh-Young HO** | 129¼ | unan | 15 | | Roberto Clemente Stadium | Luis Sulbaran |
| ‡11/10/78 | **Alexis ARGUELLO** | 130 | **Arturo LEON** | 128¼ | unan | 15 | | Caesars Palace, Las Vegas | David Pearl |
| 11/29/78 | **Samuel SERRANO** | 129 | **Takao MARUKI** | 129¼ | unan | 15 | | Aichi Gymnasium, Nagoya | Larry Rozadilla |
| ‡ 2/4/79 | **Alexis ARGUELLO** | 129 | **Alfredo ESCALERA** | 129¾ | KO | 13 | 1:24 | Rimini, Italy | Angelo Poletti |
| 2/18/79 | **Samuel SERRANO** | 129½ | **Julio VALDEZ** | 130 | unan | 15 | | Hiram Bithorn Stadium | Larry Rozadilla |
| 4/14/79 | **Samuel SERRANO** | 128¾ | **Nkosana MGXAJI** | 127¾ | TKO | 8 | 1:34 | Good Hope Centre, Cape Town | Larry Rozadilla |
| ‡ 7/8/79 | **Alexis ARGUELLO** | 130 | **Rafael LIMON** | 129 | TKO | 11 | 1:40 | Felt Forum, New York | Tony Perez |
| ‡11/16/79 | **Alexis ARGUELLO** | 129¾ | **Bobby CHACON** | 129½ | TKO | 8 | * | Forum, Inglewood, Calif. | John Thomas |
| ‡ 1/12/80 | **Alexis ARGUELLO** | 130 | **Ruben CASTILLO** | 129½ | TKO | 11 | 2:03 | Community Center, Tucson, Arizona | Octavio Meyran |
| 4/3/80 | **Samuel SERRANO** | 129½ | **Battle Hawk KAZAMA** | 129¾ | TKO | 13 | 0:45 | Central Gymnasium, Nara, Japan | Stan Christodoulou |

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## WORLD JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS

Compiled by Herbert G. Goldman

| Date | Winner | Weight | Loser | Weight | Result | Time KO | Site | Referee |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9/21/22 | **Jack (Kid) WOLFE** | 122 | **Joe LYNCH** | 118 | 15 | | Madison Square Garden, New York | Patsy Haley |
| 8/29/23 | **Carl DUANE** | 122¾ | **Jack (Kid) WOLFE** | 123½ | unan | 12 | Queensboro A.C., Long Island City | |
| ‡ 4/3/76 | **Rigoberto RIASCO** | 121¾ | **Waruinge NAKAYAMA** | 121¼ | TKO | 9 * | Panama City, Panama | |
| ‡ 6/12/76 | **Rigoberto RIASCO** | | **Livio NOLASCO** | | KO | 10 | Panama City, Panama | |
| ‡ 8/1/76 | **Rigoberto RIASCO** | 120¾ | **Dong-Kyun YUM** | 121½ | split | 15 | Pusan, Korea | Larry Rozadilla |
| ‡10/10/76 | **Royal KOBAYASHI** | 122 | **Rigoberto RIASCO** | 122 | TKO | 8 0:48 | Kuramae Arena, Tokyo, Japan | Jay Edson |
| ‡11/24/76 | **Dong-Kyun YUM** | 121¼ | **Royal KOBAYASHI** | 122 | maj | 15 | Changchung Gymnasium, Seoul | Yusaku Yoshida |
| ‡ 2/13/77 | **Dong-Kyun YUM** | 121¼ | **Jose CERVANTES** | 120 | unan | 15 | Changchung Gymnasium, Seoul | Jay Edson |
| ‡ 5/21/77 | **Wilfredo GOMEZ** | 120 | **Dong-Kyun YUM** | 121 | KO | 12 2:40 | Roberto Clemente Coliseum | Dick Young |
| ‡ 7/11/77 | **Wilfredo GOMEZ** | 120 | **Raul TIRADO** | 120 | KO | 5 0:42 | Roberto Clemente Coliseum | Chuck Hassett |
| †11/26/77 | **Soo-Hwan HONG** | 121¾ | **Hector CARRASQUILLA** | 121 | KO | 3 1:04 | Panama City, Panama | Jay Edson |
| ‡ 1/19/78 | **Wilfred GOMEZ** | 121½ | **Royal KOBAYASHI** | 121¾ | KO | 3 1:25 | Kitakyushu Municipal Gymnasium | Harry Gibbs |
| † 2/1/78 | **Soo-Hwan HONG** | 121¾ | **Yu KASAHARA** | 121½ | unan | 15 | Kuramae Arena, Tokyo, Japan | Martin Denkin |
| ‡ 4/8/78 | **Wilfredo GOMEZ** | 122 | **Juan Antonio LOPEZ** | 122 | TKO | 7 2:51 | Loubriel Stadium, Bayamon | Zack Clayton |
| † 5/6/78 | **Ricardo CARDONA** | 120 | **Soo-Hwan HONG** | 121 | TKO | 12 1:23 | Changchung Gymnasium, Seoul | Tony Perez |
| ‡ 6/2/78 | **Wilfredo GOMEZ** | 121½ | **Sakad PORNTAVEE** | 122 | TKO | 3 2:32 | Main Stadium, Korat, Thailand | Ray Solis |
| † 9/2/78 | **Ricardo CARDONA** | 121½ | **Ruben VALDEZ** | 122 | unan | 15 | Cartagena, Colombia | Isidoro Rodriguez |
| ‡ 9/9/78 | **Wilfredo GOMEZ** | 122 | **Leonardo CRUZ** | 121¼ | TKO | 13 0:21 | Hiram Bithorn Stadium, San Juan | Anseo Escobedo |
| ‡10/28/78 | **Wilfredo GOMEZ** | 122 | **Carlos ZARATE** | 122 | TKO | 5 0:44 | Roberto Clemente Stadium | Harry Gibbs |
| †11/12/78 | **Ricardo CARDONA** | 121¼ | **Soon-Hyun CHUNG** | 122 | split | 15 | Changchung Gymnasium, Seoul | Luis Sulbaran |
| 3/9/79 | **Wilfredo GOMEZ** | 122 | **Nestor JIMENEZ** | 121¾ | TKO | 5 2:51 | Madison Square Garden, New York | Tony Perez |
| 6/16/79 | **Wilfredo GOMEZ** | 122 | **Jesus HERNANDEZ** | 122 | TKO | 5 2:15 | Roberto Clemente Coliseum | Henry Elespuro |
| † 6/23/79 | **Ricardo CARDONA** | 120½ | **Soon-Hyun CHUNG** | 121¾ | unan | 15 | Changchung Gymnasium, Seoul | Stan Christodoulou |
| † 9/6/79 | **Ricardo CARDONA** | 121½ | **Yukio SEGAWA** | 121¾ | unan | 15 | City Gymnasium, Hachinohe, Japan | Larry Rozadilla |
| 9/28/79 | **Wilfredo GOMEZ** | 122 | **Carlos MENDOZA** | 120½ | TKO | 10 2:29 | Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada | Richard Green |
| 10/26/79 | **Wilfredo GOMEZ** | 122 | **Nicky PEREZ** | 120 | TKO | 5 3:00 | Madison Square Garden, New York | Arthur Mercante |
| †12/15/79 | **Ricardo CARDONA** | 122 | **Sergio PALMA** | 122 | unan | 15 | Barranquilla, Colombia | Waldemar Schmidt |
| 2/3/80 | **Wilfredo GOMEZ** | 122 | **Ruben VALDEZ** | 121¾ | TKO | 7 * | Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada | Ferd Hernandez |

Carl Duane and Jack (Kid) Wolfe were over the weight limit on August 29, 1923.

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†WBA world junior featherweight title bout

‡WBC world super bantamweight title bout

## WORLD JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS

Compiled by Herbert G. Goldman

| Date | Winner | Weight | Loser | Weight | | | Time KO | Site | Referee |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ‡ 4/4/75 | **Franco UDELLA** | 107 | **Valentin MARTINEZ** | 106½ | WF | 12 | 2:56 | San Siro Stadium, Milan, Italy | Raymond Baldeyrou |
| † 8/23/75 | **Jaime RIOS** | | **Rigoberto MARCANO** | | | 15 | | Panama City, Panama | |
| ‡ 9/13/75 | **Luis ESTABA** | | **Rafael LOBERA** | | KO | 4 | | Caracas, Venezuela | |
| ‡12/17/75 | **Luis ESTABA** | 107½ | **Takenobu SHIMABUKURO** | 108 | TKO | 10 | 1:25 | Onoyama Gymnasium, Okinawa | Anselmo Escobedo |
| † 1/3/76 | **Jaime RIOS** | 107¼ | **Kazunori TENRYU** | 106¾ | split | 15 | | Prefectural Gymnasium, Kagoshima | Larry Rozadilla |
| ‡ 2/14/76 | **Luis ESTABA** | | **Leo PALACIOS** | | unan | 15 | | Caracas, Venezuela | |
| ‡ 5/2/76 | **Luis ESTABA** | | **Juan ALVAREZ** | | unan | 15 | | Caracas, Venezuela | Rafael Toro Lugo |
| † 7/1/76 | **Juan Jose GUZMAN** | | **Jaime RIOS** | | split | 15 | | Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep. | Isidro Rodriguez |
| ‡ 7/17/76 | **Luis ESTABA** | | **Franco UDELLA** | | TKO | 3 | | Maracay, Venezuela | Jay Edson |
| ‡ 9/26/76 | **Luis ESTABA** | | **Rodolfo RODRIGUEZ** | | TKO | 11 | * | Caracas, Venezuela | |
| †10/10/76 | **Yoko GUSHIKEN** | 107¼ | **Juan Jose GUZMAN** | 107 | KO | 7 | 0:32 | Yamanash University Gym, Kofu | Rudy Ortega |
| ‡11/21/76 | **Luis ESTABA** | | **Valentin MARTINEZ** | | TKO | 11 | | Caracas, Venezuela | |
| † 1/30/77 | **Yoko GUSHIKEN** | 107 | **Jaime RIOS** | 106¼ | split | 15 | | Martial Arts Hall, Tokyo, Japan | Rudy Ortega |
| ‡ 5/15/77 | **Luis ESTABA** | 107 | **Rafael PEDROZA** | 107¾ | unan | 15 | | Caracas, Venezuela | Ismael Quinones Falu |
| † 5/22/77 | **Yoko GUSHIKEN** | 107¾ | **Rigoberto MARCANO** | 106¾ | split | 15 | | Makomanai Ice Arena, Sapporo | Martin Denkin |
| ‡ 7/17/77 | **Luis ESTABA** | 107¼ | **Ricardo ESTUPINAN** | 108 | unan | 15 | | Puerto la Cruz, Venezuela | Jay Edson |
| ‡ 8/21/77 | **Luis ESTABA** | 107¼ | **Juan ALVAREZ** | 107½ | TKO | 11 | * | Puerto la Cruz, Venezuela | Ismael Quinones Falu |
| ‡ 9/18/77 | **Luis ESTABA** | 107½ | **Orlando HERNANDEZ** | 108 | TKO | 15 | | Puerto la Cruz, Venezuela | Moises Sister |
| †10/9/77 | **Yoko GUSHIKEN** | 107 | **Montsayarm MAHACHAI** | 107 | TKO | 4 | 2:17 | Beppu City Spa, Oita, Japan | Yusaku Yoshida |
| ‡10/30/77 | **Luis ESTABA** | 108 | **Netrnoi VORASINGH** | 107½ | unan | 15 | | Caracas, Venezuela | Anselmo Escobedo |
| † 1/29/78 | **Yoko GUSHIKEN** | 106¾ | **Aniceto VARGAS** | 106½ | TKO | 14 | 0:27 | Aichi Prefectural Gym, Nagoya | Masao Kato |
| ‡ 2/19/78 | **Freddie CASTILLO** | 106½ | **Luis ESTABA** | 107 | TKO | 14 | 2:30 | Caracas, Venezuela | Jay Edson |
| ‡ 5/6/78 | **Netrnoi VORASINGH** | 107¼ | **Freddie CASTILLO** | 108 | split | 15 | | Ourdoor Army Camp, Bangkok | Rudy Jordan |
| † 5/7/78 | **Yoko GUSHIKEN** | 108 | **Jaime RIOS** | 107¼ | TKO | 13 | 2:59 | Hiroshima Prefectural Gymnasium | Ernesto Magana |
| ‡ 7/29/78 | **Netrnoi VORASINGH** | 106¾ | **Luis ESTABA** | 107 | TKO | 5 | 1:10 | Caracas, Venezuela | Jay Edson |
| ‡ 9/30/78 | **Sung-Jun KIM** | 107½ | **Netrnoi VORASINGH** | 107¾ | KO | 3 | 2:29 | Munhwa Stadium, Seoul, Korea | Pedro Flores |
| †10/15/78 | **Yoko GUSHIKEN** | 107¾ | **Sang-Il CHUNG** | 107½ | KO | 5 | 0:22 | Kuramae Arena, Tokyo, Japan | Ken Morita |
| † 1/7/79 | **Yoko GUSHIKEN** | 107¾ | **Rigoberto MARCANO** | 107 | KO | 7 | 0:36 | Municipal Gym, Kawasaki, Japan | Tony Perez |
| ‡ 3/31/79 | **Sung-Jun KIM** | 108 | **Rey MELENDEZ** | 107 | draw | 15 | | Munhwa Stadium, Seoul, Korea | Jay Edson |
| † 4/8/79 | **Yoko GUSHIKEN** | 108 | **Alfonso LOPEZ** | 108 | TKO | 7 | 2:47 | Kuramae Arena, Tokyo, Japan | Ken Morita |
| ‡ 7/28/79 | **Sung-Jun KIM** | 108 | **Siony CARUPO** | 108 | split | 15 | | Changchung Gym, Seoul, Korea | Takeshi Shimakawa |
| † 7/29/79 | **Yoko GUSHIKEN** | 107¼ | **Rafael PEDROZA** | 107½ | unan | 15 | | Municipal Gymnasium, Kitakyushu | Vincent Rainone |
| ‡10/21/79 | **Sung-Jun KIM** | 107½ | **Rey MELENDEZ** | 105½ | unan | 15 | | Munhwa Stadium, Seoul, Korea | H. Beltini |
| †10/28/79 | **Yoko GUSHIKEN** | 108 | **Tito ABELLA** | 107¼ | KO | 7 | 0:53 | Kuramae Arena, Tokyo, Japan | Tomoyuki Tezaki |
| ‡ 1/3/80 | **Shigeo NAKAJIMA** | 107¾ | **Sung-Jun KIM** | 107¾ | unan | 15 | | Korakuen Hall, Tokyo, Japan | Dick Young |
| †1/27/80 | **Yoko GUSHIKEN** | 107½ | **Yong-Hyun KIM** | 107½ | unan | 15 | | Prefectural Gym, Osaka, Japan | Paul Field |
| ‡ 3/24/80 | **Hilario ZAPATA** | 108 | **Shigeo NAKAJIMA** | 108 | unan | 15 | | Kuramae Arena, Tokyo, Japan | Henry Elespuro |

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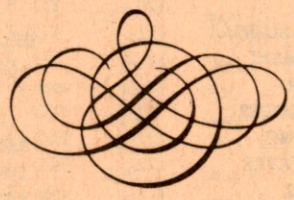

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